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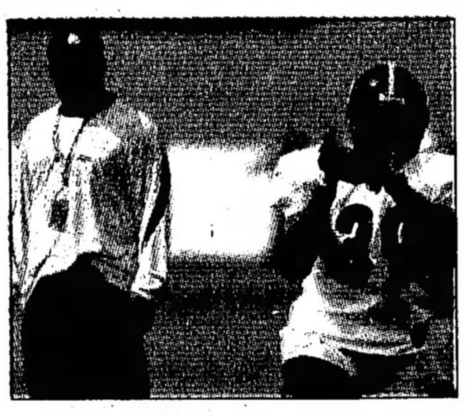

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Ash slide deal reached

More than $3 million will be used to clean the area and to pay residents.

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Barbara Diess will always remember the sight she witnessed rolling down the hill in front of her Rostosky Ridge Road home.

"It was like a black river of logs and trees, like a flood coming down the street," Diess said. "It was an unbelievable sight to see."

And now, Diess and others in the neighborhood will receive money for their trouble, which began Jan. 25, 2005, when a fly ash slide sent water, slurry and tree branches down the hill onto their road, located just off Route 136 in Forward Township.

The state Department of Environment Protection Tuesday announced that it had reached an agreement to end all litigation related to the fly ash slide.

In all, more than $3 million in claims and damages will be paid to the commonwealth and 25 residents on or near Rostosky Ridge Road.

In October 2006, residents along Rostosky Ridge Road and a portion of Rainbow Run Road filed a lawsuit in Allegheny County Court in an attempt to force the state Department of Environmental Protection to clean up the site.

The suit claimed the DEP violated the Clean Streams Act, the Air Pollution and Control Act and the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act and created a private and public nuisance.

The suit also named as defendants:

- Allegheny Energy because documents revealed the fly ash was generated at the company's Mitchell Power Station.
- The state Department of Transportation, for using fly ash in

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Budget difficult sell for architects

Legislative leaders will have to fend off requests from rank-and-file lawmakers.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – As they worked to woo Gov. Ed Rendell on Tuesday, legislative leaders also faced the task of persuading rank-and-file legislators to support a budget deal they crafted to end Pennsylvania's 2 1/2-month-old budget impasse.

Most lawmakers had not been briefed on the deal since it was announced Friday in Harrisburg, and the top priority for the legislative leaders who had agreed to the deal was trying to win Rendell's backing.

Despite mounting pressure to pass a budget, Rep. Nick Kotik, D-Allegheny, said the deal still will have to be fair to win over the conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats he helped organize in the House.

That decision will be made after they see details, Kotik said.

"We definitely want to engage in the debate and look at all sides of this thing and look at whether it's a good deal or a bad deal," he said.

Pennsylvania has been without a comprehensive budget since the fiscal year began July 1 and is the last state still fighting over its annual spending plan. Without a budget, the private organizations and businesses that make up Pennsylvania's social safety net are laying off workers and shuttering services to stay afloat.

On Tuesday, Republican and Democratic negotiators reported significant progress toward winning Rendell's support.

That followed four days of Rendell warning that he would veto what he called a "get-out-of-town" budget that relied upon suspect revenue projections and underfunded his education and health care priorities.

A spokesman for Rendell acknowledged Tuesday that negotiators had made progress but declined to discuss details.

No votes were scheduled on the nearly $28 billion budget deal that was struck by leaders of the House Democrats and both parties in the Senate. Talks were to continue today, said Erik Arneson, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware.

Dealmakers are counting on higher taxes on businesses and cigarettes and more money from

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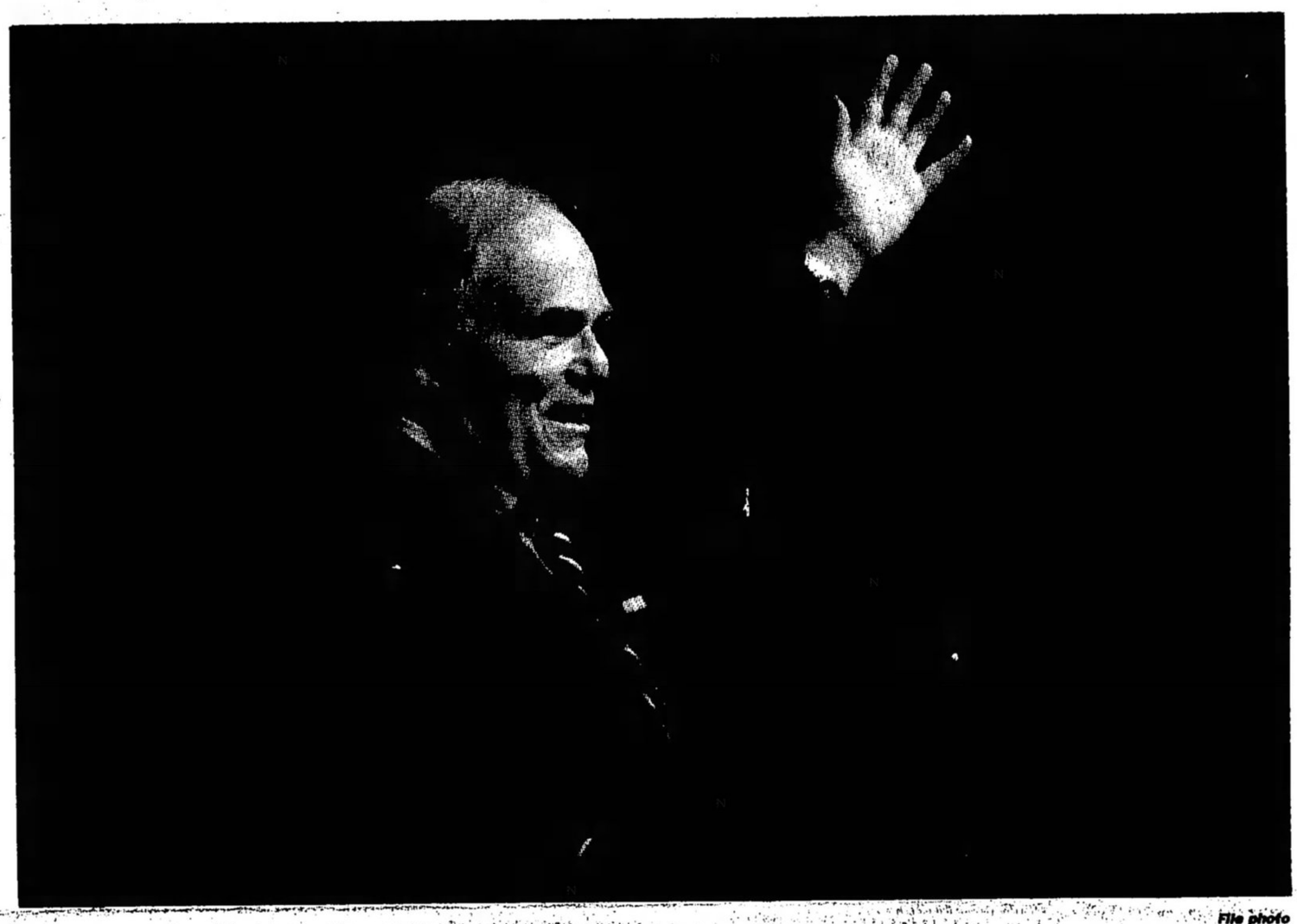

File photo

Gov. Ed Rendell is at the center of a budget battle that some are calling the worst in state history. The commonwealth has been without a spending plan since July 1.

Budget impasse called worst in modern history

It is coming down to a lame-duck governor and differences in philosophy.

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HARRISBURG – Pennsylvania's 78-day budget impasse is the longest the state has faced in modern history, and it is having the most impact on groups that receive state money.

"This is much more intense, and it's much more prolonged" than a 1971 budget stalemate and another budget battle in 1977, said Vincent Carocci, former press secretary to the late Gov. Robert P. Casey, an ex-Senate aide and author.

In 1970, under the late Republican Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, the General Assembly never approved a budget, but there was a stop-gap spending plan in place to cover two-thirds of expenditures. The following year, Democratic Gov. Milton Shapp submitted budgets for 1970-71 and 1971-72.

Bob Haith, a former acting deputy secretary of Public Welfare who worked 36 years for the state, said this is the worst he has seen.

"The stakes are much higher, and the economy is more fragile than in 1977," said Haith, 69, of Harrisburg.

In 1977, when Shapp sought a tax increase, a 20-man fight broke out on the House floor. One lawmaker's ear was cut by a plastic cup someone flung, said G. Terry Madonna, a political science professor at Franklin & Marshall College.

Today, day care, pre-K and human service providers are wondering how long they can remain open as Pennsylvania remains the only state without a budget. About $11 billion was approved last month to pay state workers and vendors.

"The capacity of nonprofits to 'front money' for the commonwealth is limited, and the day of reckoning is coming quickly, or has already arrived," Anthony Ross, president of the United Way of Pennsylvania, said Tuesday at a news conference. "The human service system across the commonwealth is beginning to fray."

United Way officials submitted a letter to Gov. Ed Rendell and lawmakers urging immediate resolution of the stalemate over higher state spending and taxes. Ross said nonprofit service providers are relying on reserves and lines of credit.

Leslie Osche, executive director of the United Way of Butler County, said if the budget matter isn't resolved in two weeks, the Center for Community Resources, a referral agency for mental health and mental retardation services, won't be able to meet payroll, and the shared-ride program will be bankrupt.

"We are out of time," Osche said.

Legislative leaders were negotiating yesterday with Rendell on a proposed $27.9 billion agreement that Rendell has threatened to veto. They are considering additional revenue to satisfy Rendell's concerns about it being out of balance.

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> **BOB HAITH, HARRISBURG**

"There's no question in my mind this budget is beginning to take shape," said Johnna Pro, spokeswoman for House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia. "It is a very slow, very methodical process, but we will have a budget."

The budget mess reminds John Taylor, a former statehouse reporter and ex-gubernatorial press aide, of the 1971 budget.

"You have a lame-duck governor suggesting that in order to cover the deficit, a broad-based tax is needed, and he doesn't have support for it in the Legislature," said Taylor.

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Residency ordinance returns to Donora

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DONORA – From now on, anyone hired to work for the borough must live in the borough.

Council has adopted an ordinance to establish residency requirements for future employees.

The new ordinance puts to end nearly 18 months of debate on the issue between council and the mayor.

The ordinance stipulates that any new employee has one year to establish residency in the borough.

The borough repealed residency requirements for employees in April 2008. That decision was made despite protests from Mayor John Lignelli.

At the time the original ordinance was repealed, council stated "there shall be no residency requirement for any employee of the Borough of Donora effective April 10, 2008."

Council President Dr. Karen Polkabla explained her stand on repealing the ordinance by saying it was time for the borough to be more compromising with its employees.

She said times have changed and it is not fair to demand all employees to move into the borough, although she encouraged it.

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Budget impasse puts program for entrepreneurs in jeopardy

It allows them to collent benefits while preparing for business.

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After becoming a "product of a downsizing" in January, Joyce Shaffer of Robinson started her own business, thanks to a little-known program that trains budding entrepreneurs while they collect unemployment benefits.

"Their goal is to turn out successful small businesses. It's definitely a results-driven program," said Shaffer, who formed Rescue Your Project in mid-March. "I wish they would expand the program."

Instead, the Self-Employment Assistance program could vanish this year, a victim of budget cuts amid the recession.

"That's the irony," said Diane Sandstrom, consulting manager at Duquesne University's Small Business Development Center, a key partner in the program.

"At a time when people need the program's services the most, the tax revenue isn't there to support it."

The program was created by Congress as an amendment to the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993. It began in Pennsylvania in the late 1990s as a pilot program, then expanded statewide in 2001. Pennsylvania is – or was – one of only eight states participating.

"But now, it's not in anybody's version of the fiscal 2010 budget" yet to be passed, said David Smith, spokesman for Pennsylvania CareerLink, Harrisburg.

The state agency's 67 offices, including six in this region, administer the job-training program.

Funding statewide was $359,000 in the year that ended in June, down from $500,000 in the fiscal year before and from $3 million two years ago.

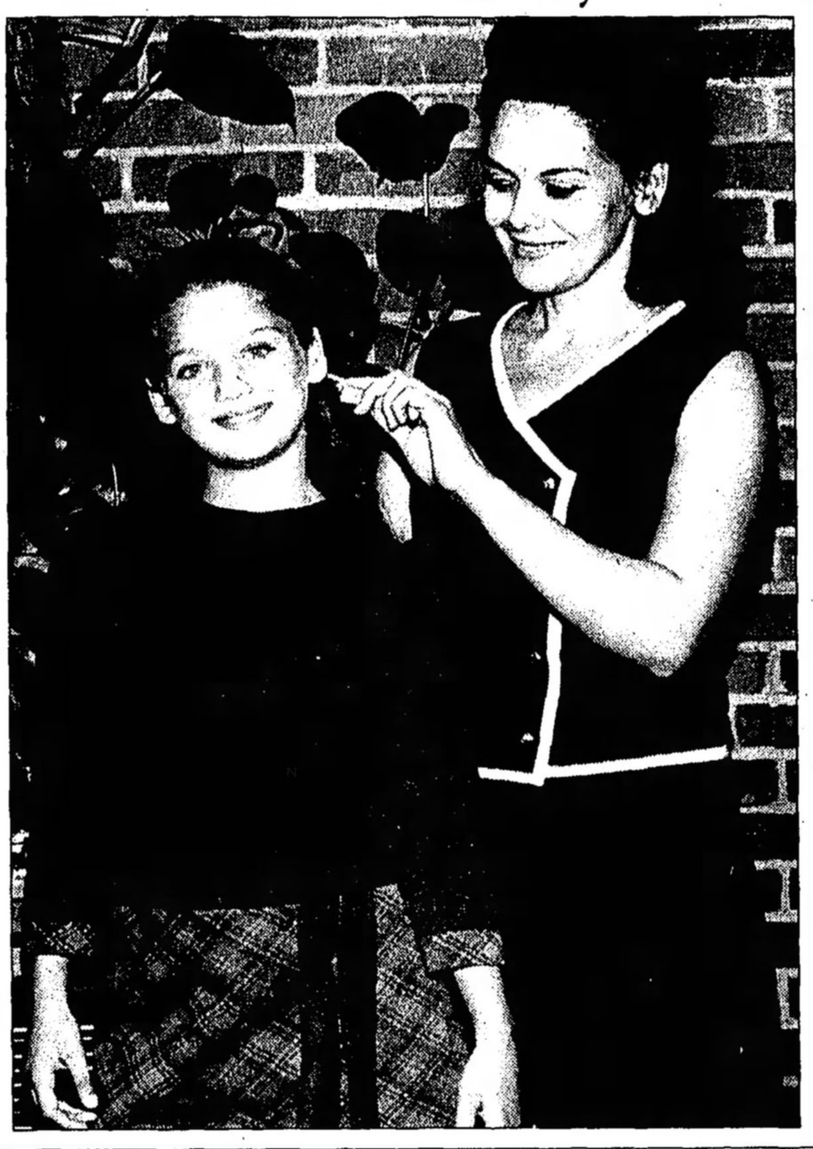
The City of Pittsburgh's share last year – $23,000 – was "significantly down from previous years" and was "just enough to put six people through the program," said Frank Cannone, a counselor for the city who works at the CareerLink office Downtown.

Shaffer, 51, had a deep background in finance, but had never launched a business. The program provided entrepreneurial training and business consulting at Duquesne's SBDC that enabled Shaffer to start her business, which provides program management for companies.

"I began earning a profit at the end of June," she said. "That felt good, especially in this economy."

Unemployment compensation normally runs 26 weeks, but is discontinued once a person starts a new job. The Self-Employment Assistance Program lets participants collect their cash benefit while training to start a business, and they still collect the benefits if that business makes money before the 26 weeks are up.

Yesteryear



Barbara A. Steinmetz is pictured modeling with her mother, Joan (Joann) Andabaker in 1969.

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Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

Rendell has a little more than 15 months remaining in his last term.

This budget is marked by a different approach than past budgets, Carocci said.

"I think this one is distinctly and decidedly philosophical. You have one side, represented by Senate Republicans, saying, 'You find out how much money you have, and you budget based on that level.' The governor and, early on, House Democratic leaders said, 'Let's figure out what the priorities are and then figure out a way to pay for it,'" Carocci said . It's also unusual because members of Rendell's party, Democratic House and Senate leaders, worked on the tentative agreement with Senate Republicans and without the governor's input, Carocci said.

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Donora (FROM PAGE ONE)

"In my opinion (the residency ordinance) was something that was antiquated," Polkabla said at the time. "If we have a preference, we'd certainly prefer to have our employees live in the community, but it is antiquated."

However, Lignelli was adamant that all borough employees should live in Donora – with no exceptions or loopholes.

"What council tried to do was allow employees to work here as long as they had a Donora address, even if they didn't live here," Lignelli said. "They tried to make it as long as an employee had a Donora address on their driver's license it was OK.

"But, I talked to the state police and was told that the address on a driver's license must be the address where a person physically stays."

Lignelli said he was pleased with the new ordinance.

"With this new ordinance, anyone who works for the borough physically has to live here, which is how it should be."

While the new ordinance re-establishes residency requirements it does so without affecting current employees.

Polkabla said current employees are grandfathered into the ordinance and will not be subject to its stipulations.

Those stipulations are:

- A Pennsylvania driver's license that lists a Donora residence.
- Voter registration indicating the borough as the residence.
- Earned income paid to the borough.

Any future employee who does not meet those requirements within one year will be discharged.

Difficult (FROM PAGE ONE)

gambling and gas exploration in state forests to help wipe out a multibillion-dollar shortfall driven by the recession.

To resolve Rendell's concerns, negotiators were considering adding another new source of revenue to balance spending, Pileggi said.

House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Jefferson, has said he agrees with Rendell about the dealmakers' questionable revenue projections, but says his caucus also opposes the deal because it raises taxes and allows more spending than is prudent.

As they tighten the screws on the package, dealmakers will have to fend off the many requests for changes that rank-and-file legislators are likely to lodge. Some changes, however, may be necessary to shore up support, especially if Rendell is not pacified and House Republican leaders continue to oppose it.

So far, dealmakers have released only broad outlines of the deal publicly as they continue to hammer out in private how much money each program will receive.

Sen. Daylin Leach, D-Montgomery, said he is leaning against voting for the budget after reading over the materials supplied by legislative leaders and listening to news conferences.

Leach said the budget deal would shortchange many social services that serve the needy, and he agrees with the governor that the puzzle of new taxes and fees assembled to help fill the deficit is shaky.

"It's a weighing of the good against the bad, and there are a lot of bad things in this budget," Leach said. "The question is, can we get anything better?"

Sen. John Rafferty, R-Chester, said he has not received enough information about the deal to say whether he would vote for it.

But he acknowledged that aspects of it – expanding gas drilling in state forests and legalizing table games at slot-machine casinos – will be difficult to swallow for a pro-environment legislator who voted against the legalization of slot-machine gambling in 2004.

"There are some tough choices for me," Rafferty said.

Ash slide (FROM PAGE ONE)

an effort to stabilize River Hill Road and maintaining the hazardous substance within its right-of-way and/or embankment supporting the road.

- The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County, because its water main ruptured, bringing the fly ash hillside down into the neighborhood.
- Weavertown Environmental Group, because of to its "negligent remediation at the site, which caused further harms and violated the law."

The state has maintained that tests previously conducted by the Allegheny County Department of Health found low levels of arsenic – consistent with an area where coal is burned to produce electricity.

The commonwealth will receive approximately $1.8 million for cleanup costs and monitoring, with the rest going to the residents for compensation and damages, including:

- $550,000 to DEP from the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County, which owned and operated a leaking water supply line under the shoulder of River Hill Road.
- $100,000 to the Department of Transportation from MAWC.
- $1.0175 million to DEP from West Penn Power, now a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, which arranged to dispose of fly ash waste generated by its Mitchell Power Station sometime during the 1950s and 1960s; and
- From $87,500 and $175,000 to DEP from the sale of several properties in the area of the accident

The 25 residents will split $1.325 million – $500,000 from PennDOT and $825,000 combined from West Penn /Allegheny Energy, MAWC, and two contractors, URS Corp. and Weavertown Environmental Group. The agreement does not spell out how much each homeowner will receive.

"It's been a long time coming," said Timothy Lenhart, one resident involved in the settlement. "We're glad it's over with. But we still don't have the check in hand."

An embankment of coal ash deposited decades ago near River Hill Road collapsed and temporarily dammed the stream at the embankment's base on Jan. 25, 2005. When the dam failed, ash flowed onto Rostosky Ridge Road.

Lenhart declined to say how much money his family will get but said it isn't enough to cover what he spent. The ash flowed beneath his home and can't be removed. His children can't play in the yard because of the risk of exposure to arsenic.

Diess said, though, that with her share, she will move to a new home.

"Our lives have been changed so very much," Diess said. "I will be glad to have this over with and move away from here."

DEP expects to complete the cleanup next year and continue monitoring arsenic levels in the soil.

The residents of Rostosky Ridge Road had long wanted the state to buy their homes, which they claimed could not be cleaned.

Diess said her granddaughter could not spend much time at her home because residual effects of the fly ash spill made it hard for the 8-year-old girl to breathe.

Diess called the settlement a compromise, saying it ends a nearly 5-year nightmare.

"I'm glad it's over," Diess said. "We want it over. This has been going on for so long. We want out of here."

Tribune-Review Staff Writer Allison M. Heinrichs contributed to this report.

Valley briefs

Perryopolis woman held for robbery

A Fayette County woman is accused of robbing a man of $500 at an automated banking machine then stashing the cash in a body cavity to hide it from police.

Shannon Jo Fisher, 25, of 278 Greenfield Road, Perryopolis, is charged by Uniontown police with robbery, theft and receiving stolen property.

In a criminal complaint, Detective Donald M. Gmitter alleges Fisher grabbed $500 cash 3:40 p.m. Monday from a Charles Rodgers, address unavailable, immediately after Rodgers withdrew the money from a banking machine outside the PNC Bank branch at 2 E. Main St.

Fisher then ran into the nearby Public Service Building at 22 E. Main St., according to the affidavit. Rodgers ran after the woman and identified her as the alleged robber when police arrived.

During an initial search of Fisher, police recovered $240 cash from a body cavity. In addition, they found half of a $20 bill.

Fisher was taken to Uniontown Hospital after giving consent to another search. As she was using a restroom, "she expelled" $220 into a toilet, police said. In addition, the other half of the torn $20 bill was recovered, according to the affidavit. Police said they recovered a total of $500, which is the same amount Rodgers withdrew.

Fisher was arraigned before on-call District Judge Mike Defino, of Brownsville, and lodged in the Fayette County Prison in lieu of $25,000 bond.

Monessen teen waives hearing

A Monessen youth charged as an adult in connection with five robberies has waived his right to preliminary hearings.

Wilkens Gustave, 17, of 482 Clarendon Ave., turned himself in at the Monessen police station last month.

Gustave was charged as the alleged gunman in connection to robberies May 21 at the Eastgate Exxon in Monessen, June 3 robbery at Janosik's Pharmacy in Monessen, June 30 at Torn Page on Donner Avenue in Monessen, and July 9 at the Cougar Mini Mart in North Charleroi and Sunoco gas station in North Belle Vernon.

He waived hisright to hearings Aug. 21 at Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso's office for the three Monessen robberies.

He waived his right to an Aug. 28 hearing at Magisterial District Judge Larry Hopkins' office in Charleroi in relation to the Cougar Mini-Mart robbery.

Gustave waived his right to a hearing Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton in relation to the Sunoco robbery.

Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent

Principals gather at the reception that followed Saturday's annual Blue Mass in Donora honoring police officers, firefighters, paramedics and public officials. Gathered around a photo of the late Officer Nathaniel Burnfield are, from left, Rick Burnfield, father of the deceased officer; Jim Brice, Donora police superintendent; Debbie Burnfield, the late officer's mother; Donald Zofchak, South Strabane police chief; Sheldon Epstein, a captain in the Pennsylvania State Police; Anthony Massafra, chairman of the committee that planned Saturday's events, and Arthur Fronzaglio, who served as master of ceremonies for the program.

Late Officer Burnfield recalled at annual Blue Mass in Donora

Emma Jene **LELIK**

He died in the midst of one of his usual acts of kindness.

Police Officer Nathaniel Burnfield was removing a vehicle tire from Interstate 70 to the side of the road when he was struck and killed last Nov. 4.

The annual Blue Mass in Donora on Saturday honored the fallen policeman.

Police, fire, paramedics and public officials are recognized at the yearly event.

Burnfield was a former Donora police officer.

"Nathan was in a marked police unit with others who had attended a class at California University (of Pennsylvania) when they came upon the tire and wheel on the highway at the Bentleyville exit," explained his superior, South Strabane Police Chief Donald Zofchak.

"When the police unit stopped, Nathan jumped out to get the wheel off the road," the chief continued.

"A large tri-axel truck came around a curve, lost control and went off the road. Nathan didn't have a chance."

Nathan's parents, Rick and Debbie Burnfield, and his brother, Ron, of Washington, were present at Mass and the brunch that followed.

"I knew Nathan better than anyone," his tearful mother said at the program in St. Philip Neri cafeteria.

"Jim Brice (Donora Superintendent of Police) gave him his first chance.

"My father was chief of police in Washington; I know what the police go through.

"Nathan loved his job. He loved people, especially the elderly, and would often help them put groceries in their car.

"He loved Donorans like his family. Thank you for opening up your hearts and remembering him."

Among the police officials present was State Police Capt. Sheldon Epstein, who is married to Nancy Sabo, of Donora.

Zofchak's comments at the public program acknowledged Nathan's reputation of "always ready to help others."

"He loved his fellow man, like helping someone change a tire – and that's how he died, removing a tire," Zofchak said.

"He is now with God. You are honoring a true hero."

Donora Knights of Columbus, sponsors of the annual Blue Mass, made a monetary donation to the Burnfield Memorial Fund.

"That includes a $300 donation from Our Lady of the Valley Holy Name Society," chairman Anthony Massafra announced. "My son, Brett, and Nathan were partners in Donora for a time."

The Rev. Joseph Oppong, who serves as K of C chaplain, delivered the invocation and Grand Knight Ronald Nagy welcomed everyone.

Art Fronzaglio was master of ceremonies. He read a touching poem about a fallen policeman.

Tom McCarthy provided piano music during the meal.

The Rev. Pierre Falkenhan was homolist during the Mass.

"God permits sorrow to come into our lives, as we remember Nathaniel and others who died, but nowhere in Scripture do we find the reasons," he said.

"Jesus permitted sorrow, but also shared it.

"He said, 'I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me shall not die.'

"Trust Him. He will do it for good reasons. We need to be at peace and trust in God.

"We need to believe they are in God's hands. And what better place than with our loving Father who is in Heaven?"

Admitted bank robber from Yukon is charged with second bank heist

New charge lodged against David W. Morgan, 36.

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A Yukon man, who allegedly confessed to robbing a Greensburg bank in July, has been charged with attempting to hold up another bank in North Huntingdon a day earlier.

David W. Morgan, 36, of 177 Highway Street, faces a charge of attempted robbery at the National City Bank in the North Huntingdon Square plaza off Route 30 on July 2 .

Authorities say Morgan admitted that he planned to rob National City during interviews with Greensburg police for allegedly taking about $600 during the July 28 robbery of the First Commonwealth Bank branch behind the Shop 'n Save store on East Pittsburgh Street in the city.

In a criminal complaint, police said Morgan was wearing a long black pony-tail wig, dark sunglasses, dark-colored gloves and a long-sleeve shirt when he walked into National City around 3:19 p.m. July 27.

A bank employee, who thought Morgan's clothing was odd because of the warm weather, confronted Morgan to ask if he needed any help, the complaint states.

After Morgan was confronted, 'He turned to the bank teller and said, 'I forgot my money,' and then quickly ran out of the building," according to the complaint.

During police questioning, Morgan also told a Greensburg detective that he "walked around the bank to plan his escape route," according to the complaint.

Morgan told police he had a "demand" note with him when he went into the bank.

North Huntingdon District Judge Doug Weimer has scheduled an Oct. 21 preliminary hearing in the National City case

A hearing in the Greensburg robbery is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Pittsburgh economy strong

Pittsburgh is among the 20 "strongest performing" local economies of the nation's 100 largest markets, according to a Brookings Institution report. Harrisburg also made the list.

The report examined five key indicators: employment, unemployment, output, home prices and foreclosure rates for the period April through June of this year.

The strongest markets tended to be ones in the Midwest and parts of the Northeast and upper Southeast, said Brookings.

Other than Pittsburgh, they include such cities as Des Moines, Austin and Washington, D.C.

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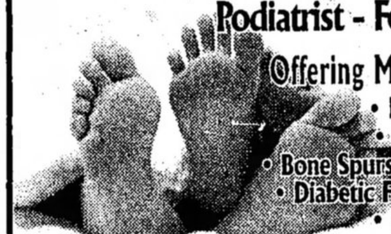

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

DAGUE — Frank Dague, 65, of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.

DAYNER — Hazel Dayner, 90, of North Belle Vernon, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

DiNARDO — Arco DiNardo, 87, of Monesen, formerly of Falowfield Township, on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Greenlee Funeral Home, Bentleyville.*

DREYER — David L. Dreyer, 55, of Monongahela, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.

HAYWOOD — Clifton R. Haywood, 90, of O'Hara Township, formerly of Dunlevy, on Monday, Sept. 14. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

HUMPHRIES — Hiawatha R. Humphries, 58, of Monessen, on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Beverly Draper Funeral Home, Monessen.

MYKOVICH — Ann "Baba Ann" Mykovich, 92, of Monessen, on Saturday, Sept. 12. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

REVETTA — Mafalda L. (Natali) Revetta, 93, of Monongahela, on Monday, Sept. 14. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

SUKEL — Mary (Brandthoover) Sukel, 83, of Lancaster, formerly of Rostraver Township, on Monday, Sept. 14. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

TISOT — Adaline F. (Rossell) Tisot, 85, of Perryopolis, on Monday, Sept. 14. Blair-Lowther Funeral Home Inc., Perryopolis.*

PREVIOUS DEATH

BLACKWELL, Earl*

* See death notice

Earl Blackwell
Monessen

Earl Blackwell, 94, of Monessen, passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Nevaeh Cove, Charleroi. He was born March 28, 1915, in Gasconabe, Missouri, a son of the late William R. and Della Feagan Blackwell He worked as a meter repairman for Authority of the Borough of Charleroi . He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Monessen and the Charleroi Moose. Surviving are three daughters: Carol and husband John Howlett of Fellsburg; Lynn Grice of Monongahela; and Betsy and husband Thomas White of Merritt, Fla.; grandchildren: John and wife Tracey Howlett of Charleroi; Thomas G. and wife Susan Grice of Maryland; and Sandra and husband Jim Toscano, also of Maryland; great-grandchildren: Charlyne and Tiffany Grice, Rhianna, Rhylee, and Evan Matthew Howlett. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Blackwell; and three brothers, Marvin, Floyd and Lloyd; and three sisters, Minnie, Elsie, and Violet. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, 1209 Grand Blvd. Monessen, where friends will be received on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m., the time of services. Services will be held in the chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Christina Ingold officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Hazel Dayner
North Belle Vernon

Hazel Bush Dayner, 90, of North Belle Vernon, died peacefully in Mon Valley Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2009. She was born Aug. 28, 1919, a daughter of the late Charles and Sara Miller Bush, of Bentleyville (Fallowfield Township). Mrs. Dayner was a 1936 graduate of Charleroi High School and the Bertha Leonard Business School. She was a retired record's secretary at California University of Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Retired Employees Association, both the Belle Vernon and Fayette City Golden Agers and the First United Methodist Church of Belle Vernon. She is survived by her son, Dean and wife, Mary Kay Dayner and one grandson, Jason Dayner, all of California, Pa.; brother-in-law, Clarence Dayner and wife, Marge, of Ohio; and several nieces and nephews, including Albert (Bucky) and Dolores Catrino, of Ocean City, Md. and Connie and Jerry Bevan, of Florida. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Howard A. Dayner, on Aug. 30, 1998; one son, Denny Dayner on Aug. 14, 1962; her sister, Roseanne Bush Pike and nephew, James Pike, of Florida. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, (724) 929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with Rev. David Zona officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Arco DiNardo
Monesen
Formerly of
Falowfield Township

Arco DiNardo, 87, of Monessen, formerly of Fallowfield Township, died Wednesday Sept. 9, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born Sept. 20, 1921, in Ellsworth, a son of the late Pasquale and Domenica Dimarzia DiNardo. Mr. DiNardo was a 1939 graduate of Ellsworth High School. He had been employed by the Bethlehem Mines Corp. for over 17 years. As a surveyor, he had worked in the Marianna Mine #58 and the Eighty Four Mine #60 and retired in 1984. Mr. DiNardo was a member of the Bentleyville Eagles where he previously served as president, trustee and secretary for 23 years. He was a past president of Pennsylvania Association of Nationally Chartered Orginazations, served on the Grand Arie Fraternal Legislative Commission, Parade Commission, was an Eagle Village Committeeman and served on the the Memorial Foundation. In addition to his work with the Eagles, Mr. DiNardo also served on and was a former president of the Bentleyville Borough Council for 14 years. He also served on the Bentleyville Water Authority Board and was instrumental in helping Ellsworth to receive public water. On Sept. 30, 1967, he married Dorothy Sance DiNardo, who survives. Surviving in addition to his wife is a son, Ted DiNardo of York.; two stepchildren, Celine Sance, of Salem, Oregon, and William Calcek, of Williamsport; four Brothers, William DiNardo of Euclid, Ohio, Gilbert DiNardo of Youngstown, Ohio, Richard DiNardo of Washington, Pa. and Donald DiNardo of Brownsville; one sister, Joyce Angotti, of Dekalv, Ill.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Deceased, in addition to his parents, are his first wife, Sophie Morris DiNardo; two children, Dwight, and Daria DiNardo; four brothers Leo DiNardo, Lt. Col. Ben DiNardo, Emilio Mim DiNardo and August DiNardo; two sisters, Jennie Pauline and Rita Sasko. There will be no public visitation. A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family and all arrangements are under the direction of the GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 619 Main St. Bentleyville. On line guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Clifton R. Haywood
O'Hara Township
Formerly of Dunlevy

Clifton R. Haywood, 90, of OHara Township, passed away on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, in UPMC, Presbyterian Hospital. A son of the late James and Catherine Guder Haywood, he was born May 25, 1919, in Dunlevy. Formerly of Lebanon, Mo., he was a member of the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church of Phillipsburg, Mo., the Veterans of Foreign Wars and earned a 50 year member award from the F. & A. M. Laclede Lodge 83. He retired at the rank of Master Sergeant after 22 years in the United States Air Force, where he served as an intelligence specialist. His tours of duty included service in many parts of the world, including Africa, France, Germany, Vietnam, Sardinia, Colorado, Hawaii and Alaska. He earned many awards and commendations. While he was proud to have dedicated a great deal of his life in service of his country, he also was passionate about his interests in farming and sports. He played and coached baseball in leagues across the United States and around the world. He played in the Blue Ridge League, with the Baton Rouge Red Sticks, with a Boeing-sponsored, semi-pro team and he was the coach/manager for a triple A team. His ball career found him on the diamond with pros such as Ernie Banks and Bob Porterfield. Haywood had a zeal for life that he shared with everyone he met. He is survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Edythe Eloise Fawbush Haywood on May 1, 2004; one sister, Mary Lou Sowden; and three brothers, Melvin, Leland and Richard Haywood. Friends will be received 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., (724) 929-5300, 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dunlevy United Methodist Church or Phillipsburg United Methodist Church.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ann "Baba Ann" Mykovich
Monessen

Private funeral services were held this morning for Ann "Baba Ann" Mykovich, 92, of Monessen, who passed away Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, in Hallsworth House. She was born Monday, April 9, 1917, in Monessen, a daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Smerakovsky Mandzak. She was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church. Surviving are two daughters, Gloria and husband Tom Puskar of Howell, N.J., and Christine and husband George Zerambo of Belle Vernon: grandchildren: John and wife Cristin Coates of Pittsburgh; Joseph Peter and wife Debra Coates of Streetsboro, Ohio; Dr. David and wife Vanessa Puskar of East Windsor, N.J.; and Karen and husband Albert Rosamilia of East Windsor, N.J.; great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Breanna Coates, Lily Puskar, Isabella and Ariana Rosamilia; two nieces, whom she loved like daughters, Louise and husband Carl Beck of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Florence and husband David Prah of Banning; and a nephew, Joseph Kurey of Bethany, W. Va. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas Mykovich; and sisters Mary Soltis and Elizabeth Formato whom she loved so dearly. Divine Liturgy was conducted at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church of Monessen with Fr. Stephen Wahal officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, 1209 Grand Blvd. Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mafalda L. (Natali) Revetta
Monongahela

Mafalda L. (Natali) Revetta, 93, of Monongahela, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, in Mt. Vernon Assisted Living, Elizabeth. Born Feb. 26, 1916, in Gallatin, she was the daughter of the late Attilio and Theresa (Tomasi) Natali. A homemaker, Mafalda was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Monongahela and its Altar Rosary Christian Mother Society. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald F. and Arlene Revetta of Lake Worth, Fla.; a brother, Elmo Natali of California, Pa.; a sister, Lena Bardelli of Shaler; five grandchildren: Richard, Michael and Samantha Revetta, Gina Jano and Becky Wills; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. Preceding her in death were her husband, Nicholas A. Revetta, who died Oct. 3, 2004; a son Gene A. Revetta, who died Feb. 26, 2003; three brothers: Americo, Victor, Lewis Natali; and two sisters, Edith Serra, and Elsie "Toots" Delmastro. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Anthony Catholic Church, on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Fr. Joseph Feltz as celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary (Brandthoover) Sukel
Lancaster
Formerly of
Rostraver Township

Mary Branthoover Sukel, 83, of Lancaster, Pa., formerly of Rostraver Township, died 8:05 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster. Born Jan. 31, 1926, in Rostraver Township, she was the daughter of the late Oliver and Bessie Crable Branthoover. Mrs. Sukel was a member of the St. Paul's Church, Monongahela, and the Daughters of the King of St. Paul's Church. She was also a retired clerk from the Social Security Disability Office. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Terry McCandless, of Lancaster; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Audrey Branthoover, of Ohio; sister and brother-in-law, Dolly and Paul Acton, of Monongahela; two grandchildren, William McCandless and Ann Marie McCandless; two step-grandchildren, Brandon Boyer and Megan Boyer, and a great-granddaughter, Cienna Kimmit. She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Sukel, who died June 10, 2003. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, (724) 929-6183. Services will be held 10 a.m. Friday in the funeral home, with the Rev. John Fierro, of St. Paul's Church officiating. Entombment will take place in Mon Valley Memorial Park. Condolences accepted at the funeral home's Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Adaline F. (Rossell) Tisot
Perryopolis

Adaline F. Rossell Tisot, 85, of Perryopolis, passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009. She was born Aug. 7, 1924, in Perryopolis, a daughter of the late Luke Rossell Sr. and Rettie Cowell Rossell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Wilbert J. Tisot; five brothers: Clark, Walter, Clyde, Luke "L.F." (Pete), and Charles "C.W."; and one sister, Elizabeth Baker. Adaline, also known as "Wink,""Linnie", "Addie', or "Nan", to her friends, was a member of Little Redstone United Methodist Church and a member of the Little Redstone United Methodist Women's Society. She was also a member of the Curfew Grange. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn A. Tisot of York; a son, Christopher J. Tisot of Cleveland, Ohio; and a sister, Mary Jane Tisot of Perryopolis. Friends will be received in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME, 103 Independence St., Perryopolis today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 17, until 11 a.m., the hour of service, with the Rev. Kelley Schanelly officiating. Interment will follow in Bowman-Flatwoods Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

CORRECTION

In a story that appeared on Page 4A in Tuesday's edition under the headline "Award will honor soccer dad," the late Tom Zubritsky's daughters were identified as Leslie and Mallory. His daughters actually are Lindsey and Mallory.

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Mall magnate dies

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A spokesman says billionaire shopping mall magnate and Indiana Pacers co-owner Mel Simon has died at age 82.

Simon Property Group spokesman Les Morris says Simon died Friday.

Simon spent nearly 40 years leading what is now Indianapolis-based Simon Property Group, the nation's largest shopping mall company.

Area booster sees 'Burgh energy hub of the future

Allegheny Conference boss says region one of 3 well positioned for role.

By SAM SPATTER
For The Valley Independent
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The Pittsburgh region is well-positioned to become the nation's energy center, the head of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development said Tuesday.

"With 700 companies locally engaged in the energy business, and our high amount of coal, natural gas and nuclear supply, the region is one of three areas in the nation that could qualify for that distinction," said Dennis Yablonsky, the conference's chief executive officer.

The others are Chicago and Detroit.

Yablonsky, speaking at the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance Real Estate Breakfast meeting in the Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, Downtown, said those 700 companies support 105,000 jobs generating more than $13 billion annually, or 10 percent of the region's economy.

In addition, nearly $1 billion is invested annually in energy-related research and development across government, universities and the private sector, he said.

"Pennsylvania has the sixth-largest concentration of coal reserves in the nation, is second in the number of producing natural gas wells, and the region sits atop the Marcellus Shale, the world's largest unconventional natural gas reserve," Yablonsky said.

The region is the center of new energy developments and home to clean coal research centers.

These include the National Energy Technology Lab in South Park and Consol Energy's coal research and development facility — the only private facility of its kind in the nation.

In addition, several universities in the region are all advancing research on energy generation, distribution, efficiency and environmental responsibility, he said.

POLICE LOG

Monessen

William Devine, 50, of 916 Athalia Ave., Monessen, was charged with harassment as a result of an incident that took place 10:35 a.m. Tuesday at his home.

Kevin Suber, 19, of 529 Ontario St., Monessen, was charged with theft by deception, receiving stolen property and forgery as a result of an incident that took place 10:15 a.m. Thursday at 628 McKee Ave.

North Belle Vernon

Dayna Shuma, 36, of 1224 Reeves Ave., Monessen, was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest, simple assault and driving with a suspended license (dui-related) after an incident 11:32 p.m. Monday on the 800 block of Broad Avenue.

Jeffrey Paul Bowers, 40, of 26 Matthews Road, Belle Vernon, was cited for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct after an incident 3:17 a.m. Sunday at 302 Baltimore St.

State police, Uniontown

Rebecca Lynn Siar, 36, of Perryopolis, reported that shortly before 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, an unknown actor damaged the front bumper of her vehicle with a shopping cart while the vehicle was parked in the lot at Giant Eagle, 581 Pittsburgh Road, North Union Township.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2009. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 16, 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

On this date:

■ In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

■ In 1810, Mexico began its successful revolt against Spanish rule.

■ In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

■ In 1908, General Motors Corp. was founded in Flint, Mich., by William C. Durant.

■ In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

■ In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra." (There had been a student matinee performance of "La Fanciulla del West" on April 11 to test the theater's sound quality.)

■ In 1968, Republican presidential nominee Richard Nixon exclaimed, "Sock it to ME?" in a taped bit that aired on the NBC-TV comedy program "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In."

■ In 1977, Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and fiery temperament, died in Paris at age 53.

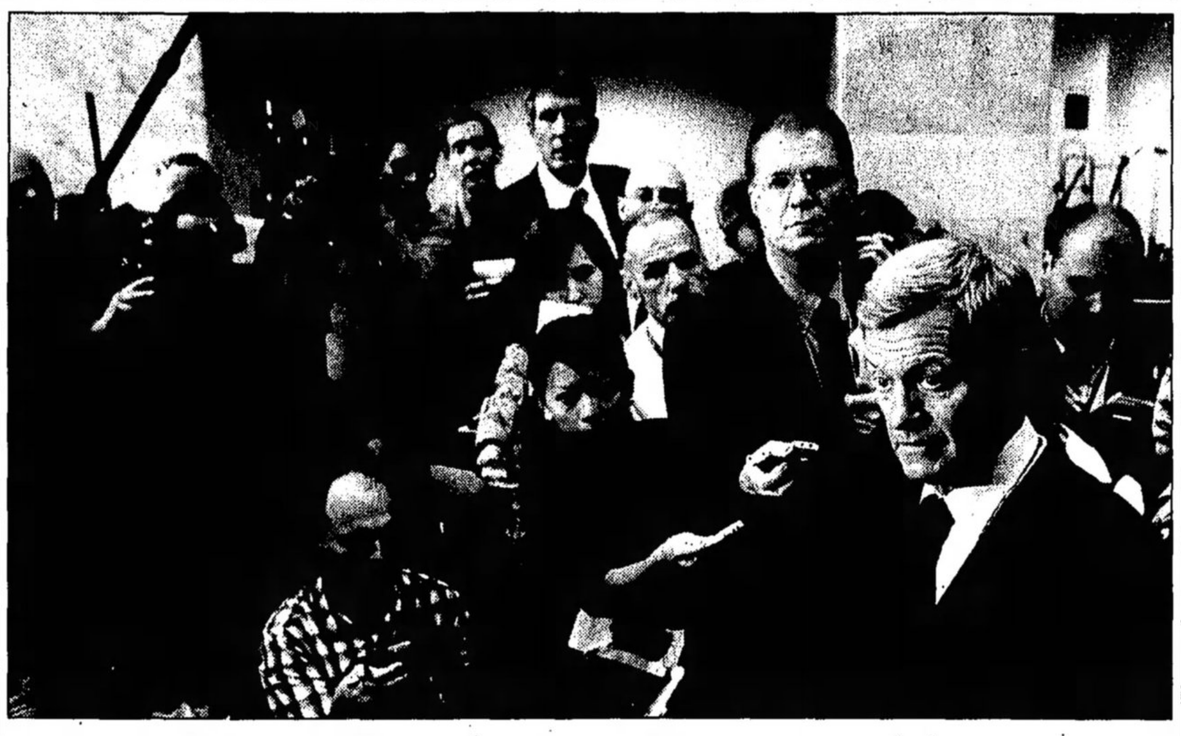
■ In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Israeli-allied Lebanese militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

■ In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into the Mexico coast for the second time in three days.

■ **Ten years ago**: Hurricane Floyd hit the Carolinas and began making its way up the East Coast, damaging 12,000 homes and claiming more than 50 lives even after it weakened to a tropical storm.

■ **Five years ago**: Hurricane Ivan plowed into the Gulf Coast with 130 mph wind and a major storm surge; all told, Ivan was blamed for at least 115 deaths, 43 in the U.S. The number of foreigners kidnapped during the Iraq insurgency reached at least 100. The NHL lockout went into effect.

■ **One year ago**: Gen. David Petraeus stepped aside as Gen. Ray Odierno took over as the top American commander of the Iraq war. A helicopter tour gave President George W. Bush got a firsthand look at the fury that Hurricane Ike had unleashed.



Associated Press

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., speaks with reporters following a meeting on Capitol Hill Tuesday.

Baucus unveiling health bill without Republican support

But Montana Democrat remains hopeful a bipartisan compromise can be reached.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Sen. Max Baucus' decision to release his long-awaited health care overhaul bill with no Republicans on board dims the chances for a bipartisan compromise on President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The Senate Finance Committee chairman insisted Tuesday that he'll keep negotiating with the three Republicans and two fellow Democrats who've been in closed-door talks with him for months on the bill he was to reveal today. Baucus, D-Mont., said he hopes that by the time the committee votes on the bill, as early as next week, Republicans will be there.

But for now, despite numerous gestures to Republicans, Baucus has fallen short in his quest to assemble a coalition of senators from both parties behind his proposal. Obama also hoped for bipartisan support behind plans for reshaping the nation's $2.5 trillion health care system to hold down costs and cover the uninsured.

"The door's always open — always hoping that somebody, all six, will be on the bill," Baucus told reporters Tuesday evening after the latest meeting of his so-called Gang of Six senators. "We're just going to keep the door open, keep working, keep discussing."

Many of the details in the Baucus' bill were already known. Unlike more liberal versions passed by three committees in the House and by the Senate's Health Committee, it shunned liberals' call for the government to sell insurance and relied instead on co-ops to offer coverage in competition with private industry.

Baucus' approach includes a requirement for individuals to buy insurance, with financial penalties for those who don't. Rather than a mandate for larger businesses to provide coverage for employees, they would be required to defray the cost of any government subsidies for which their employees would qualify.

The bill is expected to cost about $880 billion over 10 years, and it tracks closely with the goals Obama laid out in his speech to Congress last week.

Baucus has been working for months with his committee's top Republican, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, along with GOP Sens. Mike Enzi of Wyoming and Olympia Snowe of Maine. In the end, Democrats believe Snowe may be the only one to support the bill, though she wasn't committing to that Tuesday night.

"Hopefully at some point through the committee process we can reach an agreement," she said.

Enzi said he was not yet ready to declare his position. Grassley applauded Baucus' effort at bipartisanship, but contended that Senate Democratic leaders and the White House had imposed an "artificial deadline" on the negotiators and that Democratic leaders "haven't made a commitment to back a broad bipartisan bill through the entire process."

"It looks like we're being pushed aside by the Democratic leadership so the Senate can move forward on a bill that, up to this point, does not meet the shared goals for affordable, accessible health coverage that we set forth when this process began," Grassley said in a statement.

He cited Republican concerns over cost, taxpayer funding for abortion services, medical malpractice lawsuits and subsidies for illegal immigrants in any health care bill.

"We've been clear from the start that we're willing to stay at the table," Grassley added. "There's no reason not to keep working until we get it right."

Even as he's failed to win over Republicans, Baucus also faces opposition from liberals on his committee who want a public plan in place of co-ops.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Biden, Iraq leaders huddle in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden is meeting with a broad spectrum of Iraqi officials in Baghdad on a trip where he hopes to smooth political differences as the American military moves ahead with plans to pull troops out of the country.

Biden's talks on today were with Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and Sunni leaders including Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, ahead of meetings with Kurdish officials on Thursday.

Biden, who arrived in Iraq Tuesday on his third visit to the country this year, is discussing plans for the January elections and the ongoing violence in Iraq's north.

Biden says the purpose of his visit is to "see how we can be helpful ... in helping them resolve the outstanding political issues they have."

Intel indicates U.S. safer from al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks would not have happened had U.S. intelligence agencies been organized then the way they are now, the top U.S. intelligence official said Tuesday.

"Had we been in business back then we would have stopped it," National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

He said the government's 16 intelligence agencies are foiling planned terror attacks now with less information than they had at their disposal before 9/11. The difference is the offices now cooperate and share information more readily, he said.

GOP senator wants ACORN probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican lawmaker on Tuesday urged the Justice Department to investigate ACORN, a community organization under fire for several voter-registration fraud cases.

Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb., wrote Attorney General Eric Holder requesting the investigation. He cited reports that ACORN, which stands for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, may "have been engaged in illegal activity" by aiding and abetting tax evasion, prostitution, human trafficking, fraud and conspiracy.

The Senate voted Monday to block the Housing and Urban Development Department from giving grants to ACORN following a measure introduced by Johanns.

Hidden-camera videos released by conservative activists posing as a prostitute and a pimp have shown ACORN employees giving advice on home buying and how to account on tax forms for the woman's income.

Brian Kettenring, an ACORN spokesman, said Republicans were "playing politics" and trying to "stop ACORN's good work."

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $350,000

HARRISBURG (AP) – Wednesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $350,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

Lottery officials said 91 players matched four numbers and won $219.50 each; 3,686 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 40,557 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 15, 2009

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NIGHT PICK 3:	6-7-1
DAY PICK BIG 4:	3-3-4-6
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-5-5-6
DAY QUINTO:	5-1-0-2-3
NIGHT QUINTO:	9-8-1-6-0
TREASURE HUNT:	10-11-15-24-25
CASH 5:	3-4-16-24-30
SUPER 7:	1-5-6-11-26-28 33-50-55-74-75

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 15, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	7-9-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-9-5
DAY PICK 4:	8-4-5-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	6-5-6-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	8-20-24-29-38

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, September 15, 2009

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DAILY 4:	4-0-5-2
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OUR OPINION

Program preserves Pennsylvania farmland

BOY, KAREN ZUCCO really cashed in. She sold Westmoreland County easement rights to her 48.8-acre farm in Ruffsdale for $141,520. And what about Nick and Marian Yuris? The county shelled out $265,650 for easements for their 115.5-acre farm in Derry Township.

Good. That's nearly 200 acres of farmland that will never give way to townhouses, big box retailers or anything else not involved in agriculture.

The Farmland Preservation Program removes development pressure from farmers. Given the nature of agribusiness, that's important. Too little rain, too much rain, excessive heat, frost, blight, bugs, fungus; these things — individually or collectively — can ruin crops.

A couple years of bad luck and farmers — many of whom moonlight to make ends meet as it is — can't resist other alternatives. Selling off the north 40 comes to mind, or maybe just one little residential subdivision to generate some money.

Most farmers struggle on, saving when times are good and struggling otherwise. "Giving up the farm" is no cliche for many people who live off the soil. It is a reality. As each decade turns, fewer families farm. Certainly, fewer farms has meant bigger farms, but acreage has dropped as well.

The Farmland Preservation Program provides capital for agribusiness families — it is easier to farm with money than for money — and ensures the land will be used for agriculture forever. If the land is sold, the deal stays in place.

Of course, the farmers give up something, too. Farmers in the program will never be able to take advantage of some great development-driven payday.

Over the years, Westmoreland County has purchased easements on 75 farms totaling more than 10,000 acres. And at least 50 percent of the property must have harvested cropland, pasture or grazing land.

The program helps to ensure Pennsylvania's position as an agricultural producer. As has always been the case, agriculture is the commonwealth's largest industry. Pennsylvania is among the national leaders in dairy, mushrooms and other commodities.

So life will be easier now for Zucco and the Yurises, but looking far into the future, it is obvious the money was well-spent.

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YOUR OPINION

Sink hole dangerous

To the Editor:

Approximately a month ago, a large sink hole occurred on Route 88 in Allenport, above the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Plant.

PennDOT repaved numerous strips of Route 88 going north and south, some near the sink hole. Nothing was done to the sink hole. This is a hazardous condition for Charleroi and California school buses as well as regular traffic.

Why? I don't get it.

Ann Lewis
Elco

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E.F. Hutton of prostitution

Rich **LOWRY**

The radical activist group ACORN is the E.F. Hutton of prostitution. It stands ready to provide discreet advice on setting up a brothel and engaging in other, associated acts of criminality. When ACORN talks, pimps and hookers listen.

This has been established by an audacious video sting operation undertaken by guerrilla conservative documentarian James O'Keefe, 25, and his sidekick Hannah Giles, 20. O'Keefe posed as a pimp and Giles as a prostitute seeking help getting a mortgage for a brothel. In cities around the country, workers for ACORN — the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now — happily obliged.

The videos are "60 Minutes" for the YouTube age. Posted at the new Web site BigGovernment.com and aired on Fox News, they are yet another indication of the loosening grip of the legacy media. A couple of 20-somethings crafted a devastating expose with just a hidden camera and some gumption. The Census Bureau immediately severed its ties with ACORN.

In Baltimore, ACORN staff assured O'Keefe and Giles that the group doesn't "discriminate" — i.e., has no standards whatsoever. Giles is told if she makes $96,000 a year selling sex, she should tell the government she only makes $9,600. Her occupation, meanwhile, should be reported as "performing artist." If the conversation had gone longer, surely she would have been advised how to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

O'Keefe notes that they want a house for 13 underage girls who will be imported from El Salvador to work as prostitutes. Only three — not all 13 — of the girls can be listed as dependents, ACORN prudently advises. And so long as they are under 16, they will make O'Keefe and his partner eligible for the child tax credit.

So it went in other ACORN offices. In Washington, D.C., O'Keefe and Giles were told they could lie in their loan application for the house. "We are looking out for you," an ACORN staffer said, reassuringly. In Brooklyn, Giles was told to identify herself in loan documents as a "freelancer" and to bury cash proceeds of her work in the backyard. Imagine what tax advice John Dillinger might have gotten had he ever consulted ACORN.

The group has responded to the videos with a flurry of smears and excuses. The tapes are a distortion — even though ACORN fired the workers involved. Other ACORN offices didn't fall for O'Keefe's stunt — but is it a defense if only a few of your offices abet sex slavery? The video operation was imbued with racism — never mind that it was ACORN staff helping two white people exploit underage Latino girls. The ACORN workers involved were poorly trained — but how much training does it take to recoil at criminality?

The ACORN staff comported itself in keeping with ACORN founder Wade Rathke's philosophy of "maximum eligible participation." The idea is to sign up as many people as possible for government benefits. It has its roots, Matthew Vadum of the Washington-based Capital Research Center writes, in the 1960s New Left vision that "called upon activists to pack the welfare rolls to spread dependency, bankrupt the government and cause uprisings against the capitalist system."

If the revolutionary fires don't burn as bright anymore, ACORN still has radical aspirations and a marginal commitment to the existing political and legal system. Unsurprisingly, its voter-registration efforts are synonymous with fraud. For all its disgust with capitalism, ACORN is well-heeled, between its membership fees (O'Keefe and Giles were repeatedly urged to sign up), foundation grants, corporate shakedowns and government funding. By one estimate, it has garnered $53 million in federal funds since 1993.

This must stop. It's as if the government contracted with a right-wing militia to conduct gun-safety courses. After the voter-registration scandals of last year, Republicans agitated for a congressional investigation of the group. Democratic Rep. John Conyers initially agreed, then relented. "The powers that be" in the House wanted him to back off, he explained. Time for the powers that be to reconsider.

Protect everyone but Americans

Diana **WEST**

Well, it happened. Or, rather it happened and was reported, which is something else again. I will wager it has already happened, unnoticed, unrecorded, totally ignored.

But on this occasion, there was someone to witness it, write it down and publish it. I refer to death by rules of engagement. Specifically, the deaths of four U.S. Marines seemingly by the new rules of engagement (ROE) in Afghanistan. They took place on Tuesday in an ambush against Afghan forces and their U.S. trainers around the village of Ganjgal. There, journalist Jonathan S. Landay of McClatchey Newspapers lived through the deadly firefight to write the following:

"U.S. commanders, citing new rules to avoid civilian casualties, rejected repeated calls to unleash artillery rounds at attackers dug into the slopes and tree lines — despite being told repeatedly that they weren't near the village."

What Landay describes sounds like a disastrous manifestation of what Afghanistan commander Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal talked about all summer — what I've called our war on civilian casualties. It is being waged, the hallucinatory thinking goes, to win Afghan "hearts and minds" and thus the "counterinsurgency" against the Taliban. McChrystal and this strategy currently enjoy the support of both the Obama Left and the surger-cons on the Right, who, under the auspices of a new conservative think tank, the Foreign Policy Initiative, recently wrote an open letter to President Obama specifically applauding the president for choosing the McChrystal team, and expressing confidence in its new strategy.

This infidel pursuit of Islamic "hearts and minds" is a wild yak chase that begins with ever-stricter rules of engagement (ROE). According to this extremely fuzzy thinking (don't be fooled by the buzz cuts), protecting the Afghan people from "everything that can hurt them" (McChrystal's words) not only will make the people like us, they will, in effect, then do our infidel bidding — i.e., sprout distinctly non-Islamic attitudes about everything from liberty to thwarting jihad, to good government (or just government). But this is cracked. Worse, it excessively endangers our troops.

McChrystal explained how to the BBC: "It's a balance for the young soldier on the ground who is in combat. One of the assets that he has that might save his life might be air power or indirect fire from artillery or mortars and we don't want to take away that protection for him."

No, we don't, general. So why, I wondered last month, were we even talking about it?

The implication — that our troops might be called on to think twice about saving their own lives — was chilling.

It still is. And especially when what may have happened this week is less soldier-on-the-ground hesitation than commander-at-the-base implacability. Read Landay's account again:

"U.S. commanders, citing new rules to avoid civilian casualties, rejected repeated calls to unleash artillery rounds at attackers dug into the slopes and tree lines — despite being told repeatedly that they weren't near the village." In other words, McChrystal's soldiers on the ground wanted protection to save their lives — and didn't get it.

If true, this is a national disgrace. A NATO-led investigation is under way into the incident, which on its face appears to be a natural result of the "hearts and minds" policy endorsed by Left and Right alike. As McChrystal put it last month: "We're here to protect the Afghan people. And we're here to protect them from everything that can hurt them, both enemy activity but also inadvertent activity by Afghan forces or ours. So we're trying to build into the culture of our force tremendous sensitivity that everything they may do must be balanced against the possibility of hurting anyone."

Anyone except our own.

Today, our leading generals have something else in mind — as when McChrystal says: "The Afghan people are the reason we're here."

Well, according to McClatchey's report this week, there is the haunting suspicion that the Afghan people, villagers and even security personnel, were behind the Ganjgal ambush in the first place.

So what kind of reason is that?

NEWS

Iraq vet, backpack reunited

Elizabeth resident was returning from a tour of duty in war zone when gear disappeared.

By AMY CRAWFORD
For The Valley Independent
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The National Guard member from Elizabeth whose backpack disappeared when he arrived home from Iraq got it back Tuesday.

"One of my buddies, his dad apparently picked it up and put it in the trunk of his car," said Sgt. Troy Dally, who said he was "relieved."

The man saw a story in Tuesday's issue of the *Tribune-Review*, a sister publication of *The Valley Independent,* and realized that the backpack he had taken by mistake belonged to Dally, the sergeant said.

Dally's backpack, which contained a computer and other electronics, had disappeared from the parking lot of the National Guard Armory in Mt. Pleasant as he and other members of the 1st 110th Infantry Battalion returned from a year-long deployment in Iraq on Aug. 31. When the bag failed to turn up, Dally reported it stolen.

Dally's home in Smithton burned down while he was in Iraq, and he said he was happy to see the backpack again because it contained his only copies of family photos.

After a year-long deployment in Iraq, the last thing he expected was that someone would steal his backpack as he arrived home.

Late on the night of Aug. 31, Dally's bus pulled into the parking lot of the National Guard Armory in Mt. Pleasant. Dally stepped off, setting his backpack down beside him.

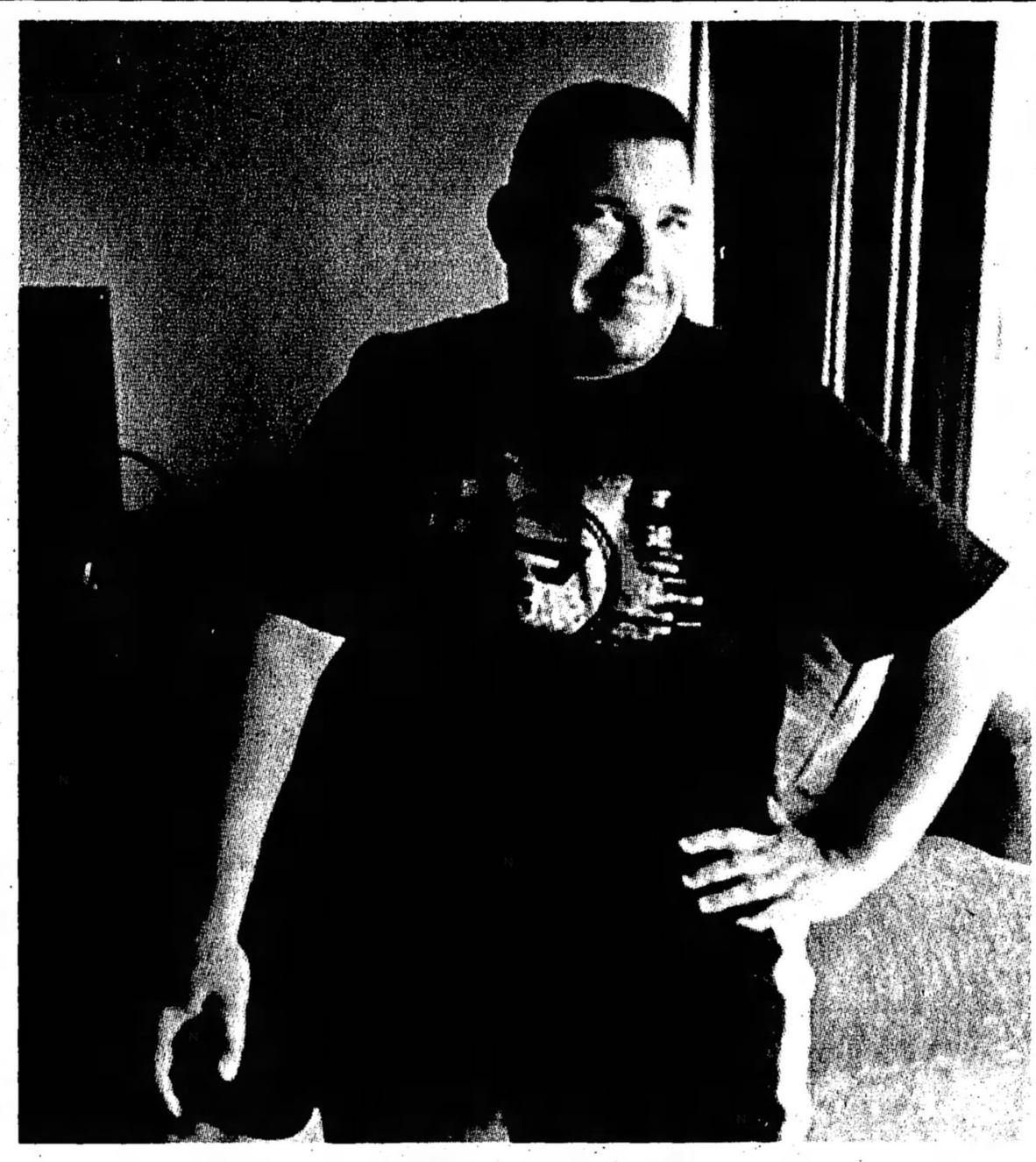
Within the next half hour, the bag disappeared.

"Everything that I had on my computer was everything that I had left from my house," said Dally, 38.

Dally, who served as an infantryman and supply sergeant in Iraq, learned in March that his home had been destroyed by a fire.

His wife, Corey, and son David, 19, were unhurt, but the family lost all of their belongings, including new furniture and a computer that held family photos.

"We lost everything," said Dally, who is staying in an Elizabeth apartment until he and his wife can rebuild.



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"Everything that I had on my computer was everything that I had left from my house," said Sgt. Troy Dally, 38, a returning Iraq veteran who resided in Smithton until his house burned and now lives in an apartment in Elizabeth. He was reunited with the missing backpack Tuesday.

Lawyer says statement by Big Ben's accuser should be stricken

Attorney dismisses plaintiff's claims as the "vengeance of a woman scorned."

By SANDRA CHEREB
Associated Press Writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A lawyer for several Lake Tahoe hotel employees named in a civil suit that accuses Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of rape says the lawsuit and timing of events are the "cold, calculated vengeance of a woman scorned."

Margo Piscevich, in a motion filed this week in Washoe District Court in Reno, further argues that the woman's affidavit, filed last week, is "nothing more or less than media grandstanding" and should be stricken from the court record.

In the same filing, she opposed an earlier motion by the woman's lawyer, Cal Dunlap, to amend his suit to name Harrah's corporate entity as a defendant.

A VIP hostess at the Lake Tahoe hotel-casino, the woman filed her lawsuit in July, alleging the two-time Super Bowl winner assaulted her July 11, 2008, in his hotel penthouse while attending a celebrity golf tournament. The Associated Press, as a matter of policy, does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted.

The suit also names Harrah's President John Koster, security chief Guy Hyder and six other current or former employees as defendants, alleging they orchestrated a cover-up of the incident.

The suit seeks a minimum of $440,000 in damages from Roethlisberger, at least $50,000 in damages from the Harrah's officials and an unspecified amount of punitive damages.

In her 54-page affidavit, the woman said Roethlisberger lured her to his suite, saying his television wasn't working properly, and assaulted her. She said she reported the incident to Hyder the next day, but that he insisted it was "no big deal" and never followed up with an investigation.

The woman never filed a criminal report with police, something advocates for sexual assault victims say is not uncommon.

But lawyers for Roethlisberger and the Harrah's defendants counter that e-mails contained in the court record from the woman to Hyder and others show she was infatuated with Roethlisberger and boasted of having sex with him.

The e-mails, Piscevich said in Monday's motions, tell the "whole pathetic story."

Piscevich said the chronology of events suggests the actions of a woman scorned.

After having sex with Roethlisberger in July 2008 and telling a friend, former Harrah's hotel director Stacy Dingman, that Roethlisberger is "hot," Roethlisberger then ignores her, Piscevich said, triggering anger that led to the lawsuit.

Four area residents sentenced

Four criminal defendants from the Mid-Mon Valley recently were sentenced in Westmoreland County court.

These two cases were handled by Judge Richard E. McCormick Jr.:

■ James Michael Cochenour, 44, of 114 Summit St., West Newton, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence. He was sentenced to serve 72 hours to six months in jail, was ordered to attend an alcohol highway safety school and his license was suspended for 12 months.

■ Scott Allen Prosser II, 21, of 309 Broad Ave., North Belle Vernon, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to intermediate punishment for one year with 60 days of electronic monitoring.

These two cases were handled by Judge Debra A. Pezze:

■ Paul A. Rusnak Jr., 26, of 55 Hoon St., Monongahela, pleaded guilty to retail theft. He was sentenced to probation for one year.

■ Jerame Pinchalk, 20, of rear 943 Shady Ave., Charleroi, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to manufacture or deliver and possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 1 to 12 months in jail.

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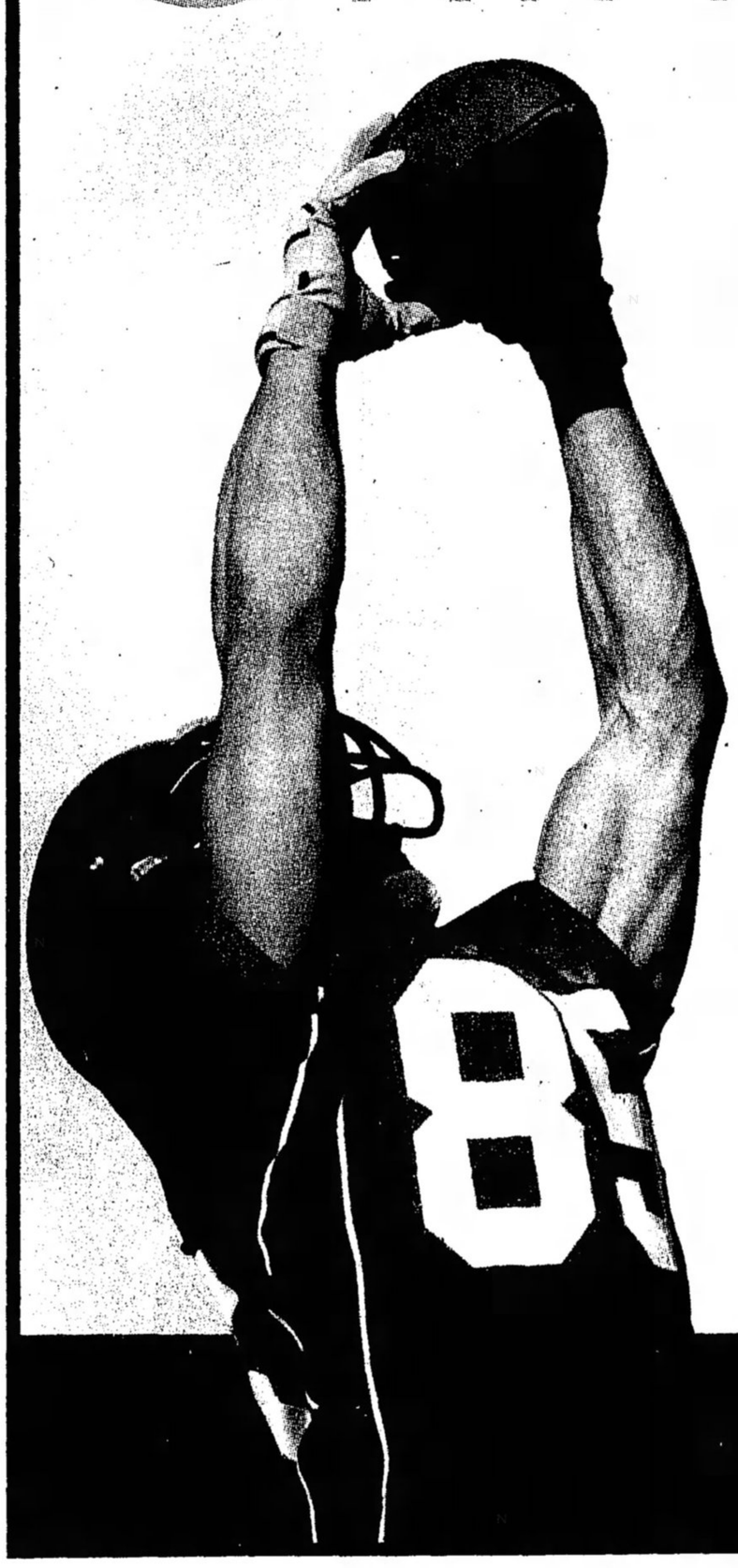

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NEWS

Obama campaigns for Specter in state

The president said Specter was a "tough son of a gun" not afraid to put his own beliefs ahead of those of party leaders.

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Barack Obama urged Pennsylvania voters on Tuesday to support the re-election bid of Sen. Arlen Specter in a personal appearance here for the Republican-turned-Democrat who represents an important test of the White House's political apparatus.

Facing a primary challenge, Specter, a longtime Republican, switched political parties in April, giving Democrats a valuable 60-vote majority in the Senate. The White House immediately said it would help Specter defend his seat, starting with a fundraiser Tuesday that was expected to raise $2.5 million.

"Arlen's not someone who came to Washington to fight for a particular ideology. He came to fight for the working men and women of Pennsylvania," Obama said. "He has a long and successful record of doing just that."

By attaching itself so wholeheartedly to Specter, the White House has tied its political fortunes to the former prosecutor. If Specter loses a strong primary challenge from Pennsylvania Rep. Joe Sestak, aides acknowledge that the Obama brand may be damaged heading into the president's own re-election in 2012.

"Candidate Obama was a transformational candidate and now he's moving forward to be a transformational president. It's a very real change," Specter said. "He's going to be successful with my help and the help of others."

For his part, the 79-year-old Specter is counting on union, White House and Democratic establishment support to hold on to his seat for another six-year-term.

Specter said he was optimistic about his chances but hardly confident, pointing to Sen. Joe Lieberman, who lost a Democratic primary and had to run as an independent to retain his seat in Connecticut. He also cited Rep. Joe Wilson, the South Carolina Republican who heckled the president last week on the floor of the House.

"If this guy from South Carolina can be a hero, what's happening in America?" Specter said at the second of two fundraising events with the president.

Earlier Tuesday, Specter spoke to the nation's largest labor organization, the AFL-CIO, and boldly predicted a pro-labor bill would pass Congress this year. He also said he would support that legislation — a reversal from when he was a Republican.

His critics were quick to note the change.

"Sen. Specter has once again changed his perspective on the union card check legislation," said Rick Santorum, a Republican former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania who lost his seat in a Democratic wave in 2006.

"I guess it's the price you have to pay the piper to get President Obama to come in and do some campaign stops for you. ... He has done a hard left turn to try to get into the good graces of this president, and obviously he is getting rewarded for that."

The White House, however, is not going to back away from Specter. Obama said Specter has worked to repair a struggling economy, increase the minimum wage and protect the Keystone State from massive state government layoffs by supporting the $787 billion stimulus package.

Painting him as above politics, Obama said Specter was a "tough son of a gun" not afraid to put his own beliefs ahead of those of party leaders — Republican or Democratic.

Associated Press

President Barack Obama, left, and Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., pause atop the stairs from Air Force One upon their arrival at Philadelphia International Airport on Tuesday.

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Ad campaign targets Specter, card check

Blitz suggests Specter has wavered on the "card-check" bill.

By ANDREW CONTE
For The Valley Independent
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Sen. Arlen Specter is facing new pressure over union-organizing bills and it began when he came to Pittsburgh with President Obama Tuesday for the AFL-CIO's annual labor convention.

A Virginia-based nonprofit, the National Right to Work Committee, began running a couple of hundred prime-time television ads, urging voters to tell Specter to vote against the so-called "card check" bill, said Doug Stafford, the group's vice president.

The media blitz suggests Specter, who changed parties from Republican to Democrat this year, has wavered on whether he would support the bill.

Specter "has had several positions on this legislation in the past," Stafford said.

In March, Specter said the recession makes this a "particularly bad time" to pass the legislation, adding that it is a "very emotional issue with labor looking to this legislation to reverse the steep decline in union membership and business expressing great concern about added costs." Since then, according to his office, he said a compromise might be possible.

The senator addressed union members Tuesday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and hosted a fundraiser in Philadelphia with a goal of raising more than $2.5 million for his re-election campaign, which would be a record for a Senate race in the state.

Organized labor has made the Employee Free Choice Act a priority while business groups have targeted the bill.

The card check provision would allow unions to organize by collecting workers' signatures rather than using a secret ballot.

Monessen woman now a centenarian

Emma Jene **LELIK**

Lena Galilei was only 10 years old when she left her native Paganica, Italy, and sailed from Naples to the United States.

Accompanied by her mother, Maria Vecchione, and sister, Pasqualina, she arrived at Ellis Island.

"My father, Justino, was already in Monessen waiting for us," she said.

The wait on Ellis Island was three days.

"We were told if your eyes were bad you'd get sent back to Italy," she recalled. "But we weren't worried, because we had physical examinations before we left Italy."

She was married to Alfonso Galilei in 1923. They were married for 52 years when he died.

Lena moved to the Monessen Westgate High Rise in 1979. She still resides there and is quite independent.

"I keep the place tidy and make my own meals," she said. "I don't do ravioli anymore because of all the work involved."

Although alert and with a keen memory, Lena said she misses not being physically active.

"I used to go out every day," she said.

She attributes her longevity to a simple lifestyle.

"I never drank or smoked and like simple foods," she revealed.

"I thank God every day for the good life he's given me."

Lena and Alfonso had three sons, Frank (Margaret), Domenic (Mary) and Alfred (Silvia). Margaret Galilei has passed away.

Lena has eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. And she knows the birthday of each one.

Lena reached her 100th birthday Sept. 7. Her family had gathered earlier for a celebration dinner.

Flowers arrived at her apartment during our conversation.

"How do I care for them?" she asked the delivery person.

Lena Galilei

President addresses labor

Barack Obama told the AFL-CIO convention Tuesday that the union's top two priorities are attainable. **7B**

Valley SPORTS

Ethier's big hit beats Bucs

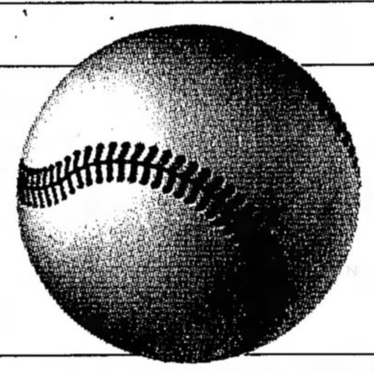
Andre Ethier's 13th-inning homer capped the Dodgers' thrilling win over the Pirates Tuesday night. **3B**

First loss for Rams

The Ringgold Rams dropped to 5-1 after Tuesday's 3-0 loss against Upper St. Clair. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Which Pittsburgh Steeler tried eight field goals in a game? **3B**



Last night's score

Philadelphia 5, Washington 0
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 0
Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 7
Florida 2, St. Louis 1
Arizona 4, San Diego 2

Brian **HERMAN**

Molisee is now coaching in college

Cleaning out the notebook:

■ After 12 years as the Ringgold High girls' soccer coach, Dave Molisee stepped down following the 2008 campaign.

He didn't stay out of the sport for long.

Molisee is now serving as the goalkeeper coach for both California University teams.

"It's not as time consuming as running a year-around program," said Molisee, who's a volunteer this season but is expected to be a full-timer next year.

Surprisingly, goalkeeper was the lone spot the versatile Molisee never tried during his playing career.

"I fell in love with the position and did a lot of studying and training on goalkeeping," he said.

Molisee has worked with the Century United Club keepers for three years, and spent 11 years at California University men's coach Dennis Laskey's summer camps.

Molisee spends three days a week with the Vulcans.

■ Purely personal opinion: The Ringgold School Board will be making a serious mistake if it doesn't back its athletic director/football coach Lloyd Price at tonight's executive session.

Ringgold is lucky to have Price calling the shots for both the school's football and athletic programs.

■ Has anyone else noticed that Belle Vernon Area is the second-highest scoring football team in the WPIAL with 94 points?

Burrell, a Class AA school, tops the list with 105 points while Quad A Upper St. Clair is third with 91.

The Leps' numbers are deceiving, however, since they came against probably the two weakest teams on their schedule, the Keystone Conference's Laurel Highlands and Southmoreland.

Speaking of the Keystone, things haven't changed with the WPIAL's worst Class AAA conference.

In the first two weeks of the season, the Keystone went 1-8 against the Big 7. Greensburg Salem was the lone winner, shading Trinity, 10-7.

■ Friday is the day California University athletic director Tom Pucci gets inducted in the University of Arkansas' Sports Hall of Fame.

Pucci stands out as the second-winningest tennis coach in Razorbacks' history with an overall 218-60 record from 1976 to 1984.

In 1980, the Razorbacks set a school mark with a 31-4 mark and finished seventh in the country. The following year they were the country's No. 6 team — their highest ranking ever.

■ And thanks to Jim Chacko of Charleroi, who says make sure your opinion of others is not their opinion of you!

Lustigs want perfect season

Brothers Bo and Tyber have become leaders of BVA's golf program.

By PAUL SCHOFIELD
For The Valley Independent

There is a good chance Belle Vernon Area's golf team will win most of its matches this season.

That's because the unbeaten Leopards (9-0) have a dynamite one-two punch in the Lustig brothers.

Tyber Lustig is a senior left-hander and Bo is a junior right-hander. Although there is no sibling rivalry, they have common goals.

Both want to lead BVA to an undefeated regular season and to a WPIAL team title. Individually, they want to qualify for the PIAA tournament.

In the Leps' victories against Elizabeth Forward Monday and Mt. Pleasant Tuesday at Willowbrook, Tyber shot a 4-under par 32 and a 1-under 35. Bo had a 2-over 38 Monday and an even-par 36 yesterday.

"Talent wise, they are probably two of the best in the WPIAL," said BVA coach and the boys' father Jay Lustig, "I just wish they would work at the game a little harder. I believe both can be even better players."

Sean Stipp/For The Valley Independent

Tyber, left, and Bo Lustig have set lofty goals for themselves and the Belle Vernon Area golf team.

The Lustig brothers are three-sport stars at Belle Vernon. Both play basketball and baseball, and Tyber even has a job that takes away from practice time.

Tyber said he plays golf because he's good. He really doesn't know what he wants to do in college.

"I really like to pitch," he said. "I wish I was a little taller. You never know. I might end up playing golf in college. Maybe I'll become a swing coach."

Bo, an infielder and shooting guard, already knows golf is the path he wants to take. He wants to become a professional golfer.

"They can do what they want," Jay Lustig said. "They have minds of their own.

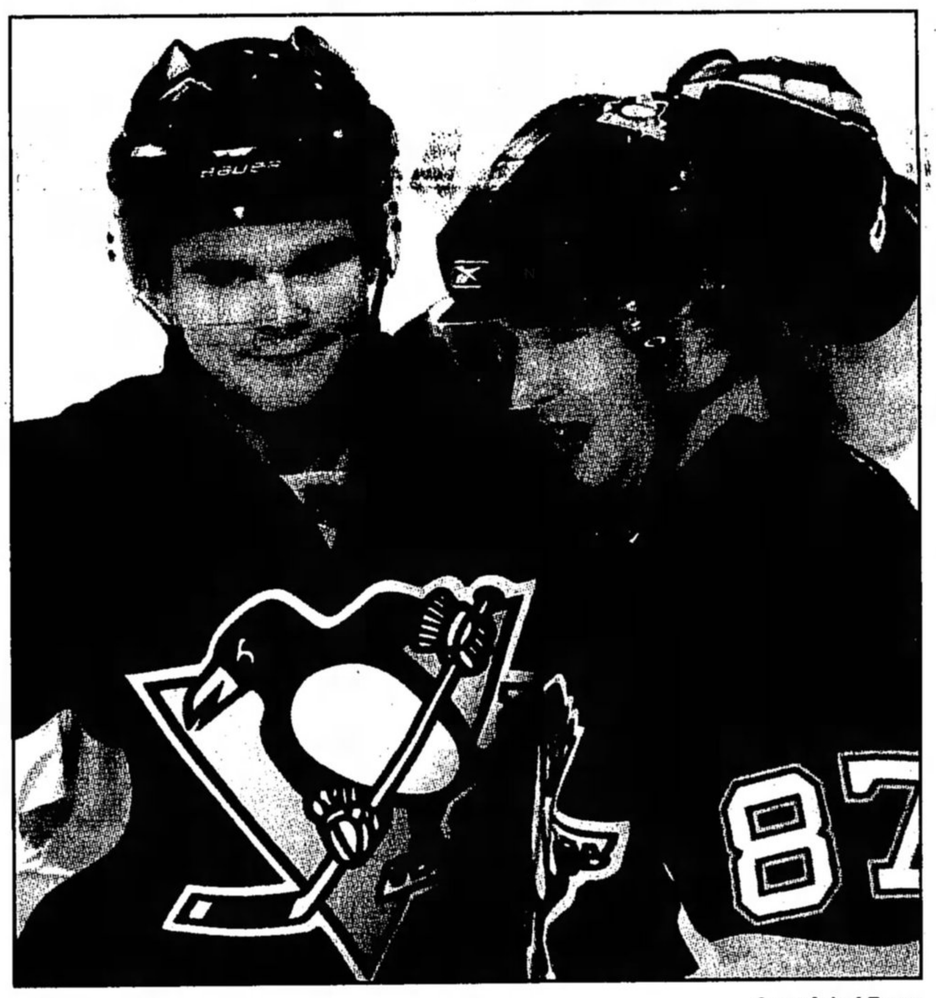
"They're good because they have talent. They practice very little."

The Lustigs know they should spend more time working on their games.

"I have to commit to it," Bo said. "I'm pretty good when I have a sand wedge in hand. I usually get the ball to within 10 feet. I have to work on my drives because I'm hooking the ball too much."

Tyber said he wants to enjoy his senior season and make a decision about his future later.

Whatever happens, when the Lustigs play well, BVA will be a team to contend with in the WPIAL playoffs.



Associated Press

Chris Kunitz, left, celebrates his game-winning goal Tuesday with Sidney Crosby.

Kunitz goal gives Pens OT victory

Cup champions open exhibition play by beating Columbus, 5-4.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chris Kunitz scored his second goal of the game 44 seconds into overtime to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 5-4 preseason win over the Columbus Blue Jackets in the Penguins' first game since winning the Stanley Cup in June.

Sidney Crosby had two goals and assisted on the winner for Pittsburgh, which also got a goal from Chris Conner.

Maxim Mayorov had two goals and Jakub Voracek and Alexandre Picard also scored for Columbus, which is coming off its first playoff appearance in franchise history.

Most stars on both teams did not play — including reigning NHL scoring champion Evgeni Malkin and Bill Guerin for the Penguins and Rick Nash and reigning Calder Trophy winner Steve Mason for the Blue Jackets.

The Penguins trailed 3-0 after two periods but came back to tie it before Picard scored with 2:02 to play for the Blue Jackets. But Kunitz answered 17 seconds later to send the game to overtime.

Less than a minute into overtime, Kunitz took a pass in the slot from Crosby, who had stolen the puck behind the net.

Mayorov scored twice in a span of 4:24 late in the second period.

The game was originally scheduled for Sept. 25 but moved back because Pittsburgh is hosting the G-20 summit of world leaders that day and traffic is heavily restricted around the city.

The Penguins just reported to camp Saturday — two days after being honored at the White House by President Barack Obama. They went through only their third practice of training camp earlier in the day Tuesday.

Tomlin urges patience with running game

Steelers coach says rushing attack will get better as the season goes on.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin offers two words of advice for those who would rush to judgment on the Pittsburgh Steelers' running game: Be patient.

The Steelers ran for a paltry 36 yards on 23 carries while beating Tennessee 13-10 on Thursday, their lowest output in a season opener in nine years. Willie Parker appeared a bit slow and tentative in getting to the line of scrimmage, and Rashard Mendenhall looked confused at times.

So did an offensive line that, according to left tackle Max Starks, had trouble adjusting to some fronts offered by Tennessee's 4-3 defense. Most of the Steelers' AFC opponents use a 3-4 system.

Despite the Steelers' uncharacteristic ineffectiveness in running the ball, Tomlin said looking for ways to explain away the problems or pointing fingers won't lead to improvement.

"You know, it's a factor," the Steelers coach said Tuesday of the 4-3, which is also played by Chicago, this week's opponent. "I'm not going to allow it to be an excuse. We have to execute and play winning football, and we're capable of that. We understand what we face schematically this week and how they play, but at the same time understanding and being able to function against it are two different things."

It's probably not helping that Parker was limited by injuries to four carries in the preseason, or that Mendenhall had precious little time in the offense last year until going down with a season-ending shoulder injury after four games.

To Tomlin, developing a run game — even one as consistently good as Pittsburgh's — is an evolving process that sometimes takes more than one week.

"I believe, particularly in September football, people make a commitment to stopping the run and it's easier to make the commitment when everybody feels good and you've got all the horses in the stable," said Tomlin, a former Vikings defensive coordinator. "I think over the course of a long haul, you see who's good at it week in and week out. It's usually tough sledding early in the football season. That's been my experience."

Someone who knows Pittsburgh's running game as well as anyone, although he did not play under Tomlin, believes the Steelers (1-0) will have ongoing problems running the ball.

Jerome Bettis, the No. 5 runner in NFL history, called the Steelers "a mediocre running team on their best day" in a weekly column he is writing for Web site SI.com. Bettis played for the Steelers from 1996-2005 and is the second-leading rusher in franchise history.

"I don't think they've reached a panic situation yet because the Titans don't allow anyone to run the football on them," Bettis wrote. "But there are serious problems. Willie Parker: I haven't seen much from him. Rashard Mendenhall: I haven't really seen him, period. ... The running back I like least on the team is Frank Summers, the rookie fullback. He doesn't seem to understand what's going on. He's missing plenty of blocks and that's affecting everything. This definitely has to be addressed off the field this week."

Summers is a fifth-round draft pick from UNLV who was outplayed during training camp and in the exhibition games by non-drafted rookie Isaac Redman, currently on the practice squad. Summers did not have any carries against Tennessee.

Mike Tomlin

Bettis also wrote that the offensive line lacks continuity and "on top of not being able to protect Ben Roethlisberger, they're letting running backs get hit before they reach the line of scrimmage. There's not a lot any back can do in that situation."

Despite winning the Super Bowl last season, the Steelers ranked only 23rd in rushing and did not have a 1,000-yard runner as Parker was bothered by knee and shoulder injuries.

Parker, who has rushed for 1,000 yards in three seasons and is unsigned past this year, expects the practices before Sunday's game against the Bears (0-1) to be unusually demanding.

"We just got to clean up the technique and clean up the little things," he said. "We've got to practice hard and practice full speed. We've all got to account for one another. We've got to clean up what we did the last game."

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	83	60	.580	—
Florida	77	68	.531	7
Atlanta	76	68	.528	7 1/2
New York	63	82	.434	21
Washington	50	94	.347	33 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	85	61	.582	—
Chicago	75	68	.524	8 1/2
Houston	70	75	.483	14 1/2
Milwaukee	69	75	.479	15
Cincinnati	66	79	.455	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	28 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	87	59	.596	—
Colorado	82	64	.562	5
San Francisco	79	66	.545	7 1/2
San Diego	65	81	.445	22
Arizona	64	82	.438	23

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Washington 0
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 0
Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 7
Florida 2, St. Louis 1
Arizona 4, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 4, 13 innings
San Francisco 10, Colorado 2

Today's Games

Florida (Jo.Johnson 14-4) at St. Louis (Pineiro 14-10), 2:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Hart 4-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 6-6), 3:10 p.m.
Arizona (D.Davis 7-13) at San Diego (Mujica 3-4), 3:35 p.m.
Washington (Li.Hernandez 8-10) at Philadelphia (Blanton 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Bazardo 0-1) at Cincinnati (Lehr 4-2), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Parnell 3-8) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 14-9), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Looper 12-6) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 9-8), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 14-9) at San Francisco (Cain 13-5), 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	93	53	.637	—
Boston	85	58	.594	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	73	72	.503	19 1/2
Toronto	66	79	.455	26 1/2
Baltimore	59	85	.410	33

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	77	67	.535	—
Minnesota	73	72	.503	4 1/2
Chicago	72	73	.497	5 1/2
Cleveland	61	83	.424	16
Kansas City	58	86	.403	19

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	58	.597	—
Texas	80	64	.556	6
Seattle	74	71	.510	12 1/2
Oakland	66	78	.458	20

Tuesday's Games

Kansas City 11, Detroit 1
Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 5
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 4
Boston 4, L.A. Angels 1
Oakland 6, Texas 1
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 3

Today's Games

Cleveland (Laffey 7-5) at Minnesota (Blackburn 9-11), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (DiNardo 0-0) at Detroit (Bonine 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 6-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Tallet 7-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Gaudin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (J.Saunders 13-7) at Boston (P.Byrd 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 8-12) at Texas (Nippert 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 11-10) at Seattle (Rowland-Smith 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

Penguins summary

Columbus	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**-**	**4**
Pittsburgh	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**-**	**5**

First Period-1, Columbus, Voracek 1 (Brassard, Umberger), 16:14 (pp). Penalties-Fedotenko, Pit (boarding), 1:25; Dorsett, Clm (hooking), 7:10; Lynch, Clm, major (fighting), 9:36; Godard, Pit (roughing), 9:36; Engelland, Pit, major (fighting), 9:36; Sestito, Clm, major (fighting), 11:52; Godard, Pit, major (fighting), 11:52; Roy, Clm (cross-checking), 12:19; McKee, Pit (high-sticking), 15:23.

Second Period-2, Columbus, Mayorov 1 (Filatov, Moore), 15:21 (pp). 3, Columbus, Mayorov 2 (Blunden), 19:45. Penalties--Clitsome, Clm (interference), 10:26; Vitale, Pit (hooking), 14:05; Boll, Clm (goaltender interference), 15:49.

Third Period-4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Tangradi, Gonchar), 3:49 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 2 (Tangradi, Kunitz), 6:49. 6, Pittsburgh, Conner 1 (McKee), 13:44. 7, Columbus, Picard 1 (Murray, Roy), 17:58. 8, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 1 (Eaton), 18:15. Penalties-Roy, Clm (hooking), 2:57; Dorsett, Clm (roughing), 7:30; Fedotenko, Pit (roughing), 7:30; Brassard, Clm (slashing), 8:34.

Overtime-9, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 2 (Crosby), :44. Penalties-None.

Shots-Columbus 9-10-7-2-28. Pittsburgh 12-9-20-1-42.

Power-play-Columbus 2 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 6.

Goalies-Columbus, Garon (21 shots-21 saves), LaCosta 0-0-1 (0:00 third, 21-16). Pittsburgh, Fleury (19-16), Thiessen 1-0-0 (0:00 third, 9-8).

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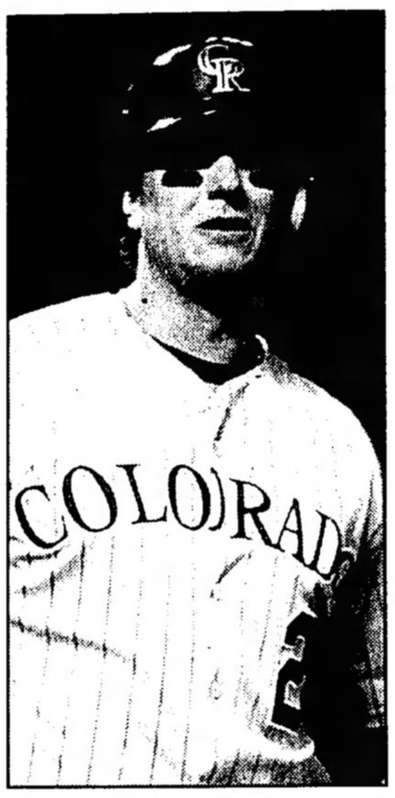

Troy Tulowitzki and the Colorado Rockies will face the Giants at 10 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Los Angeles Angels at Boston, baseball.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Atlanta at Detroit, women's pro basketball.

9 p.m. - SPIKE - Jake Ellenberger vs Carlos Condit; Roger Huerta vs Gray Maynard; Nate Diaz vs Melvin Guillard, mixed martial arts.

10 p.m. - ESPN - Colorado at San Francisco, baseball.

10 p.m. - ESPN2 - Seattle at Los Angeles, women's pro basketball.

Radio

3:10 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	0	0	2	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	2	0
Thomas Jefferson	0	0	2	0
West Mifflin	0	0	2	0
Chartiers Valley	0	0	2	0
Ringgold	0	0	1	1
Trinity	0	0	0	2

Friday

BV Area at Chartiers Valley
Trinity at Thomas Jefferson
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Albert Gallatin	0	0	1	1
Uniontown	0	0	1	1
Greensburg Salem	0	0	1	1
Yough	0	0	0	2
Derry	0	0	0	2
Laurel Highlands	0	0	0	2
Southmoreland	0	0	0	2

Friday

Yough at Laurel Highlands
Greensburg at Albert Gallatin
Uniontown at Derry
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Jeannette	2	0	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	2	0	2	0
Brownsville	1	1	1	1
Greensburg Central	1	1	1	1
Washington	1	1	1	1
Charleroi	1	1	1	1
Waynesburg	1	1	1	1
McGuffey	1	1	1	1
South Allegheny	0	2	0	2
East Allegheny	0	2	0	2

Friday

Charleroi at Brownsville
McGuffey at East Allegheny
Washington at Grb. Central
Mt. Pleasant at Waynesburg
Jeannette at South Allegheny

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Jefferson-Morgan	0	0	2	0
California	0	0	1	1
Beth-Center	0	0	1	1
Geibel	0	0	1	1
Monessen	0	0	0	2
Carmichaels	0	0	0	2
West Greene	0	0	0	2
Mapletown	0	0	0	2

Friday

Mapletown at Monessen
Beth-Center at Carmichaels
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan
West Greene at California

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Fort Cherry	0	0	2	0
Chartiers-Houston	0	0	2	0
Serra	0	0	2	0
Bentworth	0	0	1	1
Avella	0	0	1	1
Frazier	0	0	1	1
Clairton	0	0	1	1
Burgettstown	0	0	1	1

Friday

Bentworth at Fort Cherry
C-Houston at Avella
Frazier at Clairton
Serra at Burgettstown

Frontier League finals

Thursday
Game 1

Lake Erie at River City

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Canon-McMillan	1	0	0	4	0	0
Upper St. Clair	1	0	0	4	0	0
Peters Township	1	0	0	2	1	1
Ringgold	0	1	0	5	1	0
Moon	0	1	0	1	2	1
Trinity	0	1	0	1	5	0

Tuesday

Upper St. Clair 3, Ringgold 0
Peters Township 3, Moon 1
Canon-McMillan 3, Trinity 0

Thursday

Canon-McMillan at Ringgold
Moon at Trinity
Upper St. Clair at Peters Twp.

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	3	0	0	3	1	0
Belle Vernon Area	2	0	1	5	1	1
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	1	3	2	1
S'moreland	2	1	0	2	2	0
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	0	3	3	0
Steel Valley	1	2	0	2	3	0
Yough	0	3	0	0	3	0
Uniontown	0	3	0	0	5	0

Tuesday

BV Area 4, Steel Valley 0
South Park 3, Elizabeth Forward 1
S'moreland 12, Yough 1
Thomas Jefferson 9, Uniontown 3

Thursday

Elizabeth Forward at BV Area
Yough at Uniontown
S'moreland at Steel Valley
Thomas Jefferson at South Park

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	3	0	0	3	1	0
Geibel	2	1	0	4	1	0
Serra	2	1	0	3	1	0
California	1	1	1	3	2	1
Winchester Thurs.	1	1	1	1	2	1
South Allegheny	1	2	0	1	3	0
Trinity Christian	1	2	0	2	2	0
Brownsville	0	3	0	0	5	0

Tuesday

California 1, Winchester Thurston 1
Grb. Central 7, Serra 0
South Alleghney 6, Brownsville 2
Trinity Christian 1, Geibel 0

Thursday

California at Serra
Geibel at Winchester Thurston
Grb. Central at Brownsvile
Trinity Christian at South Allegheny

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	3	0	0	4	1	0
Charleroi	1	1	0	3	2	0
Monessen	1	2	0	2	3	0
C-Houston	2	1	0	2	4	1
Bentworth	2	1	0	2	4	0
Beth-Center	0	2	0	2	2	0
Brentwood	0	2	0	1	2	0

Tuesday

C-Houston 5, Monessen 2
Bentworth 3, Charleroi 0
Carlynton 5, Beth-Center 0

Thursday

Beth-Center at Monessen
Bentworth at Brentwood
C-Houston at Charleroi

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Canon-McMillan	2	0	0	4	1	0
Mt. Lebanon	2	0	0	3	1	0
Upper St. Clair	1	0	0	1	1	0
Trinity	1	1	0	3	2	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	1	0	1	3	0
Ringgold	0	2	0	2	4	0
West Mifflin	0	2	0	1	4	0

Today

Ringgold at West Mifflin
Elizabeth Forward at Mt. Lebanon
Trinity at Upper St. Clair

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Yough	2	0	0	2	1	0
Connellsville	2	0	0	3	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	1	0	1	2	2	1
S'moreland	1	0	1	1	1	1
Uniontown	1	1	0	2	2	0
Laurel Highlands	0	2	0	1	4	0
Albert Gallatin	0	2	0	0	4	0
Waynesburg	0	2	0	0	4	0

Today

Connellsville at BV Area
Uniontown at Yough
Laurel Highlands at Waynesurg
S'moreland at Albert Gallatin

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	2	0	0	4	1	0
McGuffey	2	0	0	3	1	0
South Fayette	1	0	0	1	2	1
Charleroi	1	1	0	4	2	0
Beth-Center	0	1	0	1	2	0
Bentworth	0	2	0	2	2	0
C-Houston	0	2	0	0	5	0

Monday

South Park 10, Bentworth 0
McGuffey 4, Charleroi 1
South Fayette 9, C-Houston 1

Today

South Park at Charleroi
South Fayette at Bentworth
McGuffey at Beth-Center
C-Houston at Keystone Oaks

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Jeannette	2	0	0	3	0	1
Geibel	1	0	0	2	2	0
Grb. Central	1	1	0	2	2	1
Mt. Pleasant	1	1	0	2	2	0
St. Joseph	1	1	0	2	3	0
Monessen	0	1	0	2	2	0
East Allegheny	0	2	0	1	2	0

Today

Jeannette at Monessen
Mt. Pleasant at St. Joseph
Deer Lakes at Grb. Central

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Latest Line

BEST BET: Cleveland is 1-6 its last 7 games vs. a right-handed starter. The Indians are also just 4-9 in Aaron Laffey's last 13 road starts. Minnesota is 11-4 its last 15 home games in this series. The Twins are a solid 36-15 their last 51 home games vs. a left-handed starter. Take Minnesota over Cleveland for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Sunday, Sept 20		
Week Two		
KANSAS CITY	3 (39)	Oakland
TENNESSEE	6 1/2 (41)	Houston
New England	5 (47)	NY JETS
GREEN BAY	9 (42)	Cincinnati
Minnesota	9 1/2 (47)	DETROIT
PHILADELPHIA	2 (46)	N. Orleans
ATLANTA	6 (43)	Carolina
WASHINGTON	10 (37)	St. Louis
J'VILLE	3 (43)	Arizona
SAN FRAN	1 1/2 (39)	Seattle
BUFFALO	4 1/2 (42)	Tampa Bay
DENVER	3 (37)	Cleveland
SAN DIEGO	3 (40)	Baltimore
Pittsburgh	3 (37)	CHICAGO
DALLAS	3 (44)	NY Giants
Monday, Sept 21		
Indianapolis	3 (42)	MIAMI

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Thursday, Sept 17		
MIAMI-FLA	4 1/2	Georgia Tech
Friday, Sept 18		
Boise St	7 1/2	FRESNO ST
Saturday, Sept 19		
ARMY	8	Ball St
PURDUE	13	Northern Illinois
MICHIGAN	25	Eastern Michigan
PITTSBURGH	7	Navy
Northwestern	4	SYRACUSE
CLEMSON	6 1/2	Boston College
PENN ST	29	Temple
N. CAROLINA	7	East Carolina
W. MICHIGAN	17	Miami-Ohio
VANDERBILT	9	Mississippi St
COLORADO	7	Wyoming
IOWA	5	Arizona
AKRON	4	Indiana
KANSAS	21 1/2	Duke
SO. MISS	16	Virginia
OREGON	4	Utah
Southern Cal	20	WASHINGTON
UCLA	12 1/2	Kansas St
VA TECH	3 1/2	Nebraska
NOTRE DAME	10 1/2	Michigan St
x-Ohio St	20	Toledo
AUBURN	7	West Virginia
FLORIDA	28 1/2	Tennessee
Smu	6 1/2	WASHINGTON ST
San Diego St	3 1/2	IDAHO
Nevada	3	COLORADO ST
Bowling Green	3	MARSHALL
California	13 1/2	MINNESOTA
CENTRAL FLA	4	Buffalo
OKLA. ST	32 1/2	Rice
OKLAHOMA	15	Tulsa
BAYLOR	10	Connecticut
TEXAS A&M	18	Utah St
KENTUCKY	13 1/2	Louisville
Iowa St	3	KENT ST
BYU	7	Florida St
ARKANSAS	1	Georgia
Air Force	17	NEW MEXICO
Texas El Paso	13 1/2	N. MEXICO ST
TEXAS	17	Texas Tech
UNLV	7	Hawaii
STANFORD	17	San Jose St
OREGON ST	1	Cincinnati
RUTGERS	14 1/2	FI International
ALABAMA	34 1/2	North Texas
MARYLAND	6 1/2	Middle Tenn St
S. CAROLINA	21	Florida Atlantic
TROY	7	Ala-Birmingham
LSU	27	UL-Lafayette
ARIZONA ST	19	UL-Monroe

x-at Cleveland, OH.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
National League		
ST. LOUIS	5 1/2-6 1/2	Florida
LA DODGERS	12-14	Pittsburgh
SAN DIEGO	Even-6	Arizona
PHILADELPHIA	11-13	Washington
ATLANTA	10-11	NY Mets
CINCINNATI	5 1/2-6 1/2	Houston
CHICAGO	7 1/2-8 1/2	Milwaukee
SAN FRANCISCO	6-7	Colorado
American League		
MINNESOTA	6 1/2-7 1/2	Cleveland
DETROIT	7-8	Kansas City
BALTIMORE	Even-6	Tampa Bay
NY YANKEES	11-13	Toronto
BOSTON	Even-6	LA Angels
TEXAS	7 1/2-8 1/2	Oakland
SEATTLE	Even-6	Chi White Sox

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCt cf	6	1	1	0	Furcal ss	5	1	1	0
AnLRc 3b	4	0	1	0	RMartn c	6	0	1	0
GJones rf	5	0	0	0	Ethier rf	6	2	2	2
Doumit c	5	0	2	1	MRmrz lf	5	0	0	0
Milledg lf	5	1	0	0	Kemp cf	5	1	2	1
Pearce 1b	6	1	1	2	Blake 3b	4	1	1	1
Cedeno ss	5	1	1	0	Loretta 1b	2	0	1	1
L.Cruz 2b	5	0	1	0	Repko pr	0	0	0	0
Duke p	3	0	1	1	Broxtn p	0	0	0	0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	Thome ph	1	0	0	0
Capps p	0	0	0	0	JMcDnl p	0	0	0	0
Moss ph	1	0	0	0	Pierre ph	1	0	1	0
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	Belisari p	0	0	0	0
RVazqz ph	1	0	0	0	OHudsn 2b	4	0	0	0
SJcksn p	0	0	0	0	Wolf p	2	0	0	0
Btchck p	0	0	0	0	Troncs p	0	0	0	0
Dumtrt p	0	0	0	0	Sherrill p	0	0	0	0
					Bellird ph	0	0	0	0
					Loney ph-1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	46	4	8	4	Totals	44	5	9	5

Pittsburgh	030	000	000	000	1 — 4					
Los Angeles	000	020	001	000	2 — 5					

One out when winning run scored.

E—Blake (10). LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Doumit (14), Cedeno (3), R.Martin (19), Ethier (40), Kemp (25). 3B—Blake (6), Pierre (6). HR—Pearce (4), Ethier (30). CS—A.McCutchen (5). S—An.LaRoche, O.Hudson. SF—Loretta.

	P	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Duke	7 1-3	4	2	2	0	7
J.Chavez H,12	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Capps BS,5-30	1	2	1	1	1	0
Hanrahan	2	0	0	0	1	2
S.Jackson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bootcheck H,1	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Dumatrait L,0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Los Angeles						
Wolf	7	5	3	3	2	5
Troncoso	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Sherrill	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Broxton	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ja.McDonald	3	2	0	0	1	3
Belisario W,4-3	1	1	1	0	1	2

Dumatrait pitched to 1 batter in the 13th.

Umpires—Home, Mike Everitt; First, Gerry Davis; Second, Brian Gorman; Third, C.B. Bucknor.

T—4:02. A—52,562 (56,000).

Area golf

At Willowbrook
Belle Vernon Area - 196

Tyber Lustig, 35; Bo Lustig, 36; Kirby Manoiwn, 40; Kyle Naden, 41; TimMoore, 44. Non-count: Brett Bishop, 45.

Mt. Pleasant - 213

Zac Heide, 37; David Cenkner, 39; Trevor McCalment, 44; Ryan Bull, 45; Cameron Swink, 48. Non-count: Dieter Wright, 48.

At Carmichaels
Carmichaels - 222

Zac Wolfe, 39; Christian Bernardi, 40; Trevor Robinson, 47; Brendon Wolfe and Alex Wolfe, 48. Non-count: Jess Swift, 49.

Charleroi - 234

Martin Maytas and Brandon Konek, 42; Derek Sergi, 46; Kirk Melenyzer, 49; Evan Wsyochanski, 55. Non-count: Steve Iacovino, 57.

At Cedarbrook
California - 191

Dave Beck, 36; Dominic Roach and Phillip Langley, 37; Zac Edmiston, 39; Tyler VanOlst, 42. Non-count: Alex Roach, 46.

Beth-Center - 255

Austin Smith, 43; Tyler Sabatula and Logan Hunt, 51; Alex Antonio, 52; Brock Hartley, 58. Non-count: Matt Sabatini, 62.

At Duck Hollow
Albert Gallatin - 225

Mike Petrun, 38; Brandon Yuhaniak, and Caleb Voithofer, 44; Pat McDonough, 46; Bradon Sutton, 53. Non-count: Sam Hern, 55.

Ringgold - 228

Mike Yavorsky and Colin McCormick, 41; Connor Kanem 47; Rico Rodriguez, 49; Jared Hancock, 50. Non-count: Nick Feld, 59.

At Mt. Odin
Greensburg Central - 220

Jason Chang, 41; Kevin Hickey, 43; Cooper Cullen and Janista Numpho, 44; Steve Janik, 48. Non-count: Matt Mucci, 48.

Frazier - 228

Tyler Rock, 42; D.J. Hudik, 44; Nick Hawranko, 46; Robert Gondura, 47; Zach Smalich, 49. Non-count: Eddie Miller, 54.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated OF Laynce Nix from the 15-day DL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Golden State G-F Stephen Jackson $25,000 for public statements detrimental to the NBA.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G-F Rodney Carney.

PHOENIX SUNS—Agreed to terms on a contract buyout with G-F Sasha Pavlovic.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed F Jon Brockman.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived LB Leon Williams.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed KR-WR Courtney Roby. Waived TE Buck Ortega.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Activated LB Michael Boley from the reserve-suspended list. Claimed RB Gartrell Johnson off waivers from San Diego. Released OL Tutan Reyes. Waived DL Leger Douzable. Released CB DeAndre Wright, RB Allen Patrick and TE Kareem Brown from the practice squad. Signed TE Bear Pascoe and DB Michael Coe to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Placed OL Shawn Andrews on injured reserve. Released WR Hank Baskett.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OT William Robinson to the practice squad. Released WR Onrea Jones from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed C Antoine Vermette to a five-year contract extension through the 2014-15 season. Assigned D Cam Brodie, D Tim Filangieri, LW Chris Higgins, C Brock McBride, C Tyler Murovich and D Kevin Roeder to Syracuse (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed F Philippe Lefebvre to a three-year contract. Assigned D Mac Bennett to Cedar Rapids (USHL), D Joe Stejskal to Dartmouth (ECAC) and G Jason Missiaen to Peterborough (OHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned D Tim Billingsley to Mississauga-St. Michael's (OHL), RW Jordan Szwarz to Saginaw (OHL) and D Justin Weller to Red Deer (WHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Exercised their contract option on coach Andy Murray through the 2010-11 season.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned G Michael Zador to Oshawa (OHL), RW Matias Sointu to Ottawa (OHL), D Mark Barberio to Moncton (QMJHL), LW Alex Hutchings to Barrie (OHL) and RW Kyle DeCoste to Sault Ste. Marie (OHL).

COLLEGE

BOWLING GREEN—Suspended DB P.J. Mahone indefinitely for a violation of team rules.

UCLA—Suspended CB Courtney Viney, RB Milton Knox, WR Morrell Presley and WR Randall Carroll from Saturday's game against Kansas State for violating team rules.

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Indiana vs. Washington

Thursday, Sept. 17: Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19: Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.

x-Monday, Sept. 21: Washington at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Detroit

Today: Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Detroit at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Phoenix vs. San Antonio

Thursday, Sept. 17: Phoenix at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19: San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

x-Monday, Sept. 21: San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Seattle vs. Los Angeles

Today: Seattle at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: Los Angeles at Seattle, 10 p.m.

x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Los Angeles at Seattle, 5 p.m.

AFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Croyle, KAN	24	16	177	2	0
Edwards, BUF	25	15	212	2	0
Orton, DEN	28	17	243	1	0
Brady, NWE	53	39	378	2	1
Flacco, BAL	43	26	307	3	1
P. Manning,IND	38	28	301	1	1
R'berger, PIT	43	33	363	1	2
Pennington, MIA	29	21	176	1	1
P. Rivers,SND	36	24	252	1	1
Sanchez, NYJ	31	18	272	1	1

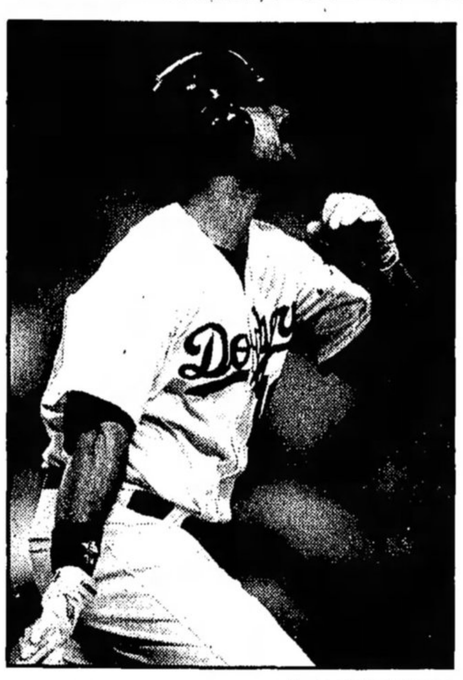
Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
R. Rice,BAL	19	108	5.68	22	0
T. Jones,NYJ	20	107	5.35	39	2
Jones-Drew, JAC	21	97	4.62	26	1
Benson, CIN	21	76	3.62	20	1
McFadden,OAK	17	68	4.00	11	0
Washington,NYJ	15	60	4.00	12	0
F. Jackson,BUF	15	57	3.80	16	0
C. Johnson,TEN	15	57	3.80	32	0
J. Lewis,CLE	11	57	5.18	15	0
M. Bush,OAK	12	55	4.58	17	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
R. Moss,NWE	12	141	11.8	31	0
Welker, NWE	12	93	7.8	14	0
Wayne, IND	10	162	16.2	39	1
Holmes

SPORTS



Associated Press

The Dodgers' Andre Ethier watches his home run in the 13th inning Tuesday.

Ethier's homer sinks Pirates

Dodger picks up his sixth walk-off hit of the year.

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Andre Ethier still has a hard time believing his uncanny ability to generate game-winning hits.

Ethier hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning — his major league-leading sixth walkoff hit of the season — giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

"You pinch yourself," he said. "If there's a heartbeat left, we can come back and try to win it. I was just looking for a good pitch to hit and put a good swing on something."

Four of Ethier's game-ending hits have been home runs, the latest gave the Dodgers their 37th comeback win of the season and earned him a curtain call. The NL West leaders moved five games ahead of Colorado, which lost 10-2 at San Francisco, and had their magic number to clinch a playoff berth reduced to 10.

"As Yogi would say, 'It's deja vu all over again,'" Dodgers manager Joe Torre said, quoting former New York Yankees catcher Yogi Berra. "You've seen him do it, you want to visualize it, and when he does it, it's just surreal."

Ethier sent the first pitch from Phil Dumatrait (0-1) into the right field pavilion with one out for his 30th homer and 97th and 98th RBIs of the season. Rafael Furcal opened the inning with a line drive single that struck Chris Bootcheck on the right leg and ricocheted between first and second base.

"I went with a two-seamer in, and I went and looked at the video and it was just above the knees and a little bit off the plate," Dumatrait said. "I made my pitch and he just kind of dropped the head of the bat on it and put a good swing on it, and unfortunately it went out of the park. It's frustrating. He just beat me on that one pitch."

The Pirates had taken a 4-3 lead in the top of the inning on Ryan Doumit's RBI single. The go-ahead run was unearned because of a throwing error by third baseman Casey Blake on Andrew McCutchen's routine grounder. Andy LaRoche sacrificed McCutchen to second before Garrett Jones was intentionally walked. Doumit faced an 0-1 count from Ronald Belisario (4-3) before he singled to left, scoring McCutchen.

"It was a great game," Pirates manager John Russell said. "We thought we had it won twice. Unfortunately, they're a great team and they've had a lot of comeback wins this year."

The Dodgers wasted a golden opportunity in the 12th after pinch-hitter Juan Pierre tripled with one out off Steven Jackson. The Pirates pulled the infield in and Orlando Hudson grounded out to second before pinch-hitter James Loney grounded out to first.

Ringgold boys fall to Upper St. Clair

3-0 defeat is Rams' first loss of the season.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Scratch the Ringgold boys' soccer team from the unbeaten ranks.

The Rams were a 3-0 loser at Upper St. Clair Tuesday in their Class AAA Section 5 opener.

"We had two small lapses and they scored two first half goals on them," said Ringgold coach Ron Fransko. "Regardless, I'm proud of how my boys played. St. Clair is ranked second in the WPIAL for a reason."

The Rams (5-1) host another unbeaten team Thursday in Canon-McMllan.

BVA 4, Steel Valley 0

Joe Cervone and Mark Tomich each had a pair of goals for the Leps in the Class AA Section 3 contest.

"I thought we did a nice job of moving the ball around at times," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "Our defense played a really good game."

The Leopards (5-1-1, 2-0-1) host Elizabeth Forward Thursday.

South Park 3, Elizabeth Forward 1

Vince Easler scored for the Warriors (3-3, 1-2).

"We played them even throughout," said Elizabeth coach Dave King. "They put a few late goals on good plays and (goalie) Derek Tokosh made a couple of brilliant saves to keep it close."

Chartiers-Houston 5, Monessen 2

Alex Piccarelli and Matt Francowic scored for the Greyhounds.

"We played well after the first 20 minutes,"said Monessen coach Sam Perry. "It was evenly played after we made some adjustments."

Monessen (2-3, 1-2) hosts Beth-Center Thursday.

Bentworth 3, Charleroi 0

Shawn Ross, Casey Lindley and Nick Malarbi were the goal scorers for the Bearcats.

"Bentworth scored on its chances and we didn't," said Charleroi coach George Watkins. "We outshot them, especially in the second half, but we couldn't put the ball in the net. We had some mental breakdowns and it cost us the game.

Charleroi (3-2, 1-1) hosts Chartiers-Houston Thursday.

California 1, Winchester Thurston 1

When is a tie almost as good as a win?

When your team is outshot 35-9 like the Trojans were.

"We are happy to walk away with a tie because it doesn't hurt us," said California coach Adam Obranovich. "We were lucky and squeaked this one out."

Skyler Boehme scored on a penalty kick for California (3-2-1, 1-1-1), which goes to Serra Thursday.

SPORTS DIGEST

Double eagle for BVA's Wilson

Belle Vernon Area's Tim Wilson made a rare double eagle in Tuesday's junior varsity match at Willowbrook against Mt. Pleasant.

On the par 5 No. 2 hole, Wilson knocked in a 170-yarder with a 9 iron.

Ringgold splits with Connellsville

Ringgold's cross-country teams split with Connellsville Tuesday at Mingo Park.

Even though Ringgold's John Sendek and Brian Johnson finished one-two, the Rams were a 32-27 loser to the unbeaten Falcons.

Sendek's time for the Rams (3-1, 1-1) was 18:18.

The Lady Rams (4-1, 1-1) were a 20-39 winner with Jackie Barner and Lacey Kazior placing one-two.

Barner was clocked at 22:28.

BVA volleyballers lose to Scotties

Belle Vernon Area's volleyball team dropped a 3-2 decision to Southmoreland.

The Lady Leps sandwiched 25-14 and 25-19 wins around a 25-22 loss before dropping the final two matches, 25-21 and 15-12.

Looking best for BVA were Mary Beth Spang (7 kills) and Michelle Baxendell (10 aces and 17 service points).

BVA cagers win; Monessen loses

Belle Vernon Area won and Monessen lost in middle school basketball Tuesday.

Taylor Mackenzie (14) and Meaghan Murphy (11) combined for 25 points in BVA's 59-24 romp over California.

Tristen Conaway and Madison Shumaker both had 10 points for Cal.

Mariah Johnson had six points in Monessen's 32-10 loss to Chartiers-Houston.

Panther Club to hear Niceswanger

Amy Niceswanger, Pitt's development assistant athletic director, will be the guest speaker at Thursday's 8 p.m. meeting of the Mon Valley Panther Club at Ponderosa Restaurant.

Dinner will be 7 p.m. with the session open to all Pitt fans.

Charges dropped against Wilson's ex in standoff

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Prosecutors have dropped a weapons charge against the ex-girlfriend of former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Cedrick Wilson stemming from a standoff at his former home last year.

Allegheny County District Attorney's spokesman Mike Manko says the charge against 28-year-old Lindsey Paulat, of Fawn, was dropped Tuesday because a recent state Supreme Court decision says it's not always criminal to fire a weapon in a residence.

The charge dropped was discharging a weapon in an occupied structure. Prosecutors had previously dropped aggravated assault and reckless endangerment charges against Paulat.

The Steelers released Wilson two months after he and Paulat argued at his Pine Township home on Jan. 20, 2008, and she allegedly fired shots inside the home after Wilson left.

Judge drops charges against wrestler Angle

MCKEES ROCKS, Pennsylvania (AP) — A judge has cleared professional wrestler and Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle of charges he violated a protection order and illegally possessed human growth hormone.

Police in suburban Pittsburgh stopped Angle last month after he allegedly violated the protection order his then girlfriend, Trenesha Biggers, had gotten after they fought. Police said they found vials of human growth hormone in Angle's car.

The 40-year-old star of Total Nonstop Action Wrestling said he had a prescription for the HGH to treat neck injuries.

The judge on Tuesday also dismissed charges that Angle was driving with a suspended license.

Biggers — also a wrestler who goes by the stage name Rhaka Khan — did not comment outside court. Angle said he will be more careful about who he associates with in the future.

Bucs to open 2010 at home with Dodgers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates will begin a season at home for only the third time since PNC Park opened in 2001 when they meet the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 5, 2010.

The Dodgers will be the Pirates' final home opponent this season then will make their only 2010 appearance in Pittsburgh to begin the new season April 5-8.

The Pirates will play only nine home games in April. They have a 10-game road trip early in the season to Houston, Milwaukee and Los Angeles. They will play home games on Memorial Day (Cubs), Independence Day (Phillies) and Labor Day (Atlanta).

The schedule includes 15 consecutive games against American League teams in June, with the White Sox and Indians playing in Pittsburgh and visits to Detroit, Oakland and Texas.

The Pirates' season ends Oct. 1-3 at Florida.

Trivia answer

Lou Michaels against St. Louis in the 1962 season.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Kevin Scott's pass to Jack Mandarino for two points was the difference in Monessen's 8-6 win over Steel Valley.

Mike Huwar threw three touchdowns in Frazier's 21-0 victory over California.

20 Years Ago

Baldwin handed Ringgold its first loss, 20-17, scoring the winning touchdown with 1:45 remaining.

Frazier snapped McGuffey's home winning streak at 20 with an 8-6 victory. A third quarter safety was the difference.

Bentworth edged Burgettstown, 8-5, for coach Joe Scorza's first win.

Vince Russell scored three goals in Charleroi's 7-3 win over Laurel Highlands.

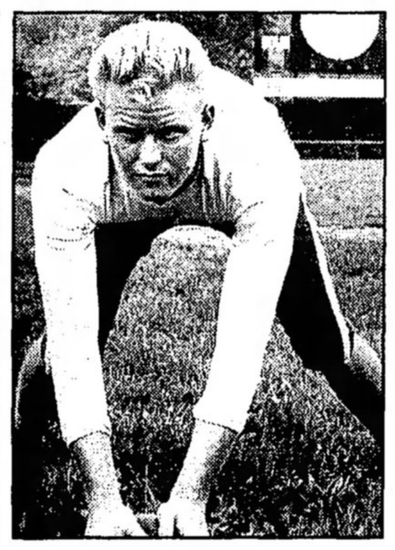
10 Years Ago

Tera Smith's goal with 15 minutes remaining gave Ringgold a 2-1 win over Elizabeth Forward.

Charleroi remained unbeaten and unscored on with a 7-0 win over McGuffey. Keeper Krystal Savarino recorded her fourth shutout and Shellie Cotton scored three goals.

Ryan Marsich's third goal with one minute left in overtime gave Charleroi a 4-3 win over East Allegheny.

Lisa Mauck had her first shutout in Monessen's 2-0 win over Yough.



REMEMBER when?

Monongahela High's Ted Gregor was a two-time All-Big 6 Conference first team center in 1958 and 1959.

SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE HEALTH MONTH

Prostate Cancer Education Program and Screening

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center

FREE PROSTATE SCREENING includes an Exam and a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Blood Test

Attend this free educational program and optional screening to learn about the importance of early detection.
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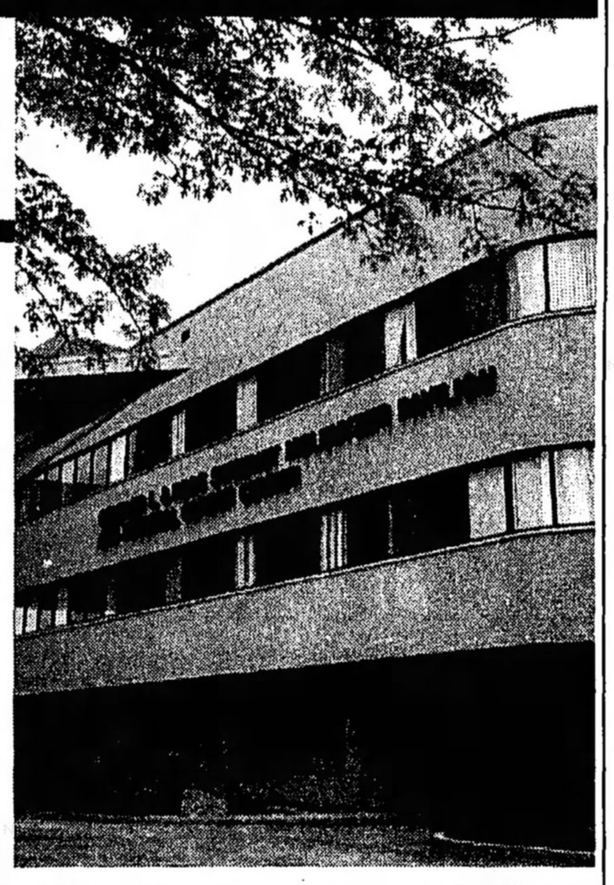

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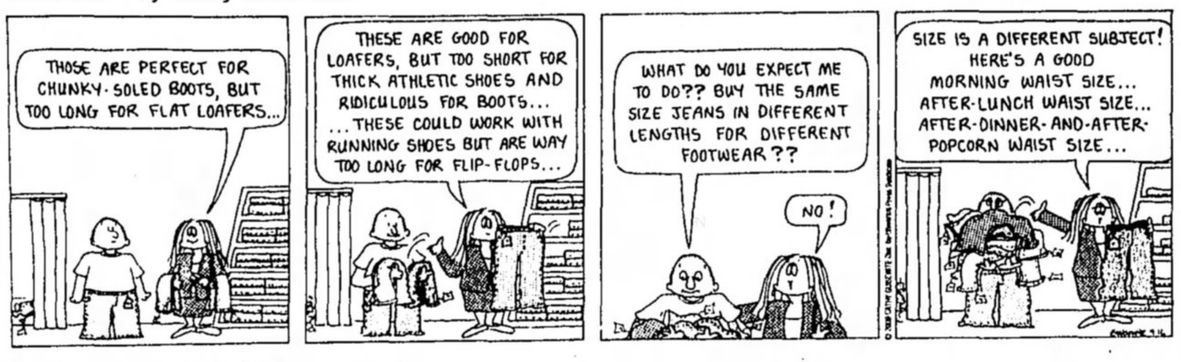
HEALTH CARE

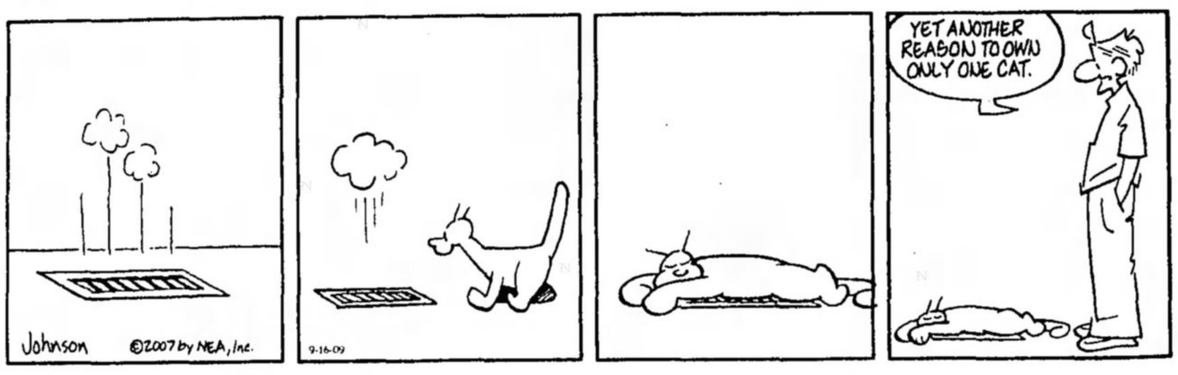
COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite


THOSE ARE PERFECT FOR CHUNKY-SOLED BOOTS, BUT TOO LONG FOR FLAT LOAFERS...
THESE ARE GOOD FOR LOAFERS, BUT TOO SHORT FOR THICK ATHLETIC SHOES AND RIDICULOUS FOR BOOTS... ...THESE COULD WORK WITH RUNNING SHOES BUT ARE WAY TOO LONG FOR FLIP-FLOPS...
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?? BUY THE SAME SIZE JEANS IN DIFFERENT LENGTHS FOR DIFFERENT FOOTWEAR??
NO!
SIZE IS A DIFFERENT SUBJECT! HERE'S A GOOD MORNING WAIST SIZE... AFTER-LUNCH WAIST SIZE... AFTER-DINNER-AND-AFTER-POPCORN WAIST SIZE...

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson



Classic **PEANUTS®** by Charles M. Schulz

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REMEMBER THAT Q-TSZ FILE WITH THE U-L ATTACHMENT THAT SE HQ NEEDED FOR SYNOD STUDY?
I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT
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GOOD, BECAUSE I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
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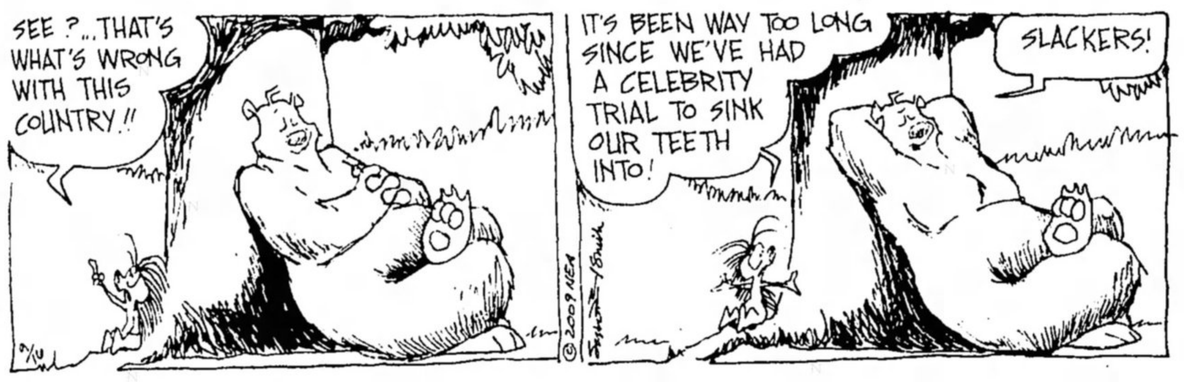
SEE ?...THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY!!
IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG SINCE WE'VE HAD A CELEBRITY TRIAL TO SINK OUR TEETH INTO!
SLACKERS!
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BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

AND MY OPINION IS — CHIEF, WAKE UP!
HOW DO YOU THINK IT MAKES ME FEEL WHEN YOU DRIFT OFF TO SLEEP WHILE I'M TALKING!
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, MY BOY— WOULD I DO THAT IF I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE TRUST-WORTHY?
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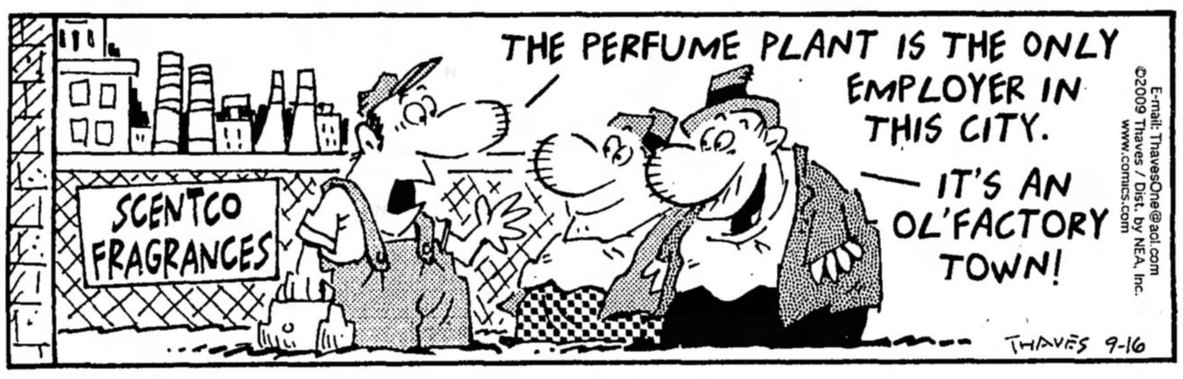
THE PERFUME PLANT IS THE ONLY EMPLOYER IN THIS CITY.
— IT'S AN OL'FACTORY TOWN!
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SURE DO! I JUST FINISHED EATING LUNCH BACK IN THE KITCHEN
IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT YOU EAT HERE, TOO
LISTEN, DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS...
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MY WIFE MAKES MY LUNCH AT HOME
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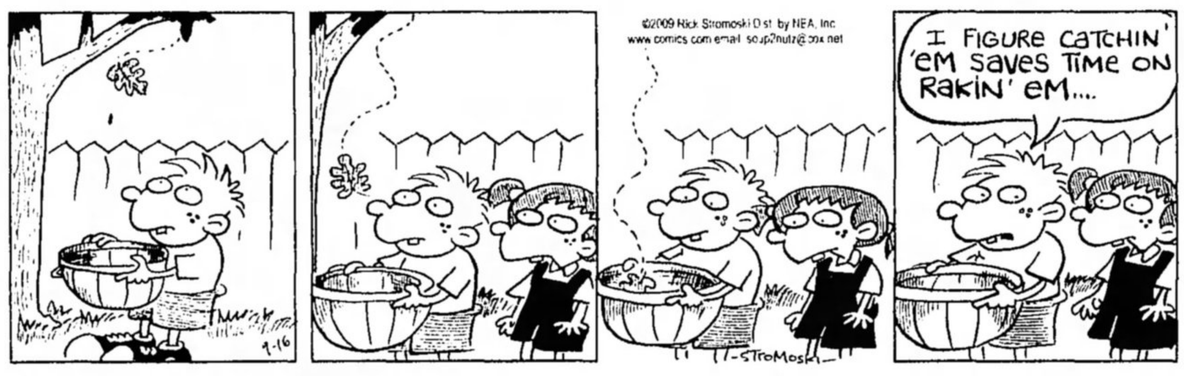

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I WOKE YOU UP BECAUSE I DREAMED YOU WERE FEEDING ME, BUT YOU REALLY WEREN'T.
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"Shouldn't we give these back to the chickens so they can recycle them?"

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

WE'RE TRYING TO THINK UP A NICKNAME FOR NATE.
A SOCCER NICKNAME! TO HIGHLIGHT MY VITAL ROLE AS OUR GOALIE!
HOW ABOUT "DOOF"?
DOOF??
THAT'S THE WORST NICKNAME I'VE EVER HEARD! WHY WOULD I CALL MYSELF SOMETHING STUPID LIKE...
DOOF!
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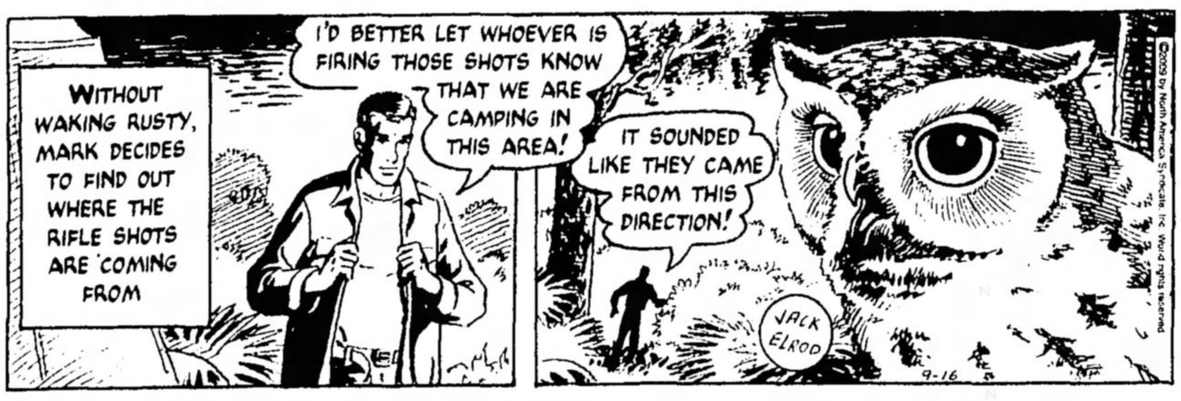
WITHOUT WAKING RUSTY, MARK DECIDES TO FIND OUT WHERE THE RIFLE SHOTS ARE COMING FROM
I'D BETTER LET WHOEVER IS FIRING THOSE SHOTS KNOW THAT WE ARE CAMPING IN THIS AREA!
IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION!
JACK ELROD
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the *Conceptis Sudoku* increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

						1	8	
					5	4	7	9
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1			2					
6	9	5	8					

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	2	9	6	3	4	8	7
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THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mongol dwelling
5 Byron and Keats
10 Facade
12 Soapbox mounter
13 Fuel rating
14 Eye part
15 Oft-misused pronoun
16 Personal history
18 Airline to Stockholm
19 *Pulls down*
21 Makes one's way
25 Cracker shape
29 Holds off for
31 Relish-tray items
33 Tuxedo, often
34 *Hold a grudge*
35 Roll-call list
37 Leif's language
38 Decree
40 Also
43 Forest grazer
44 Light bulb measure
48 Add oxygen
50 Rang up
52 Stuffed the suitcase
53 Chief's advisers
54 Backspace on a PC
55 Eager

DOWN

1 Expression of disgust
2 A law — itself
3 500 sheets
4 Gymnast's goal
5 Ski lodge *instructor*
6 Galley movers
7 Active volcano
8 Boot parts
9 Mexican Mrs.
10 *Promise* solemnly
11 "Fancy" singer
12 Sandra Day —
17 Rollover subj.
19 Tycoon's *home*
20 Utterly still
21 Armed conflict
22 Jug
23 Prefix for second
24 Morse signals
26 Japanese soup
27 Confirm
28 Microscope part
30 Went downhill
32 Sault — Marie
36 Guanabara Bay port
39 Yield territory
40 Shred
41 1977 whale movie
42 Hardwoods
44 Use hip boots
45 Sheltered
46 Coastal flier
47 6-pointers
48 Orangutan
49 Kickoff stand
51 Variety

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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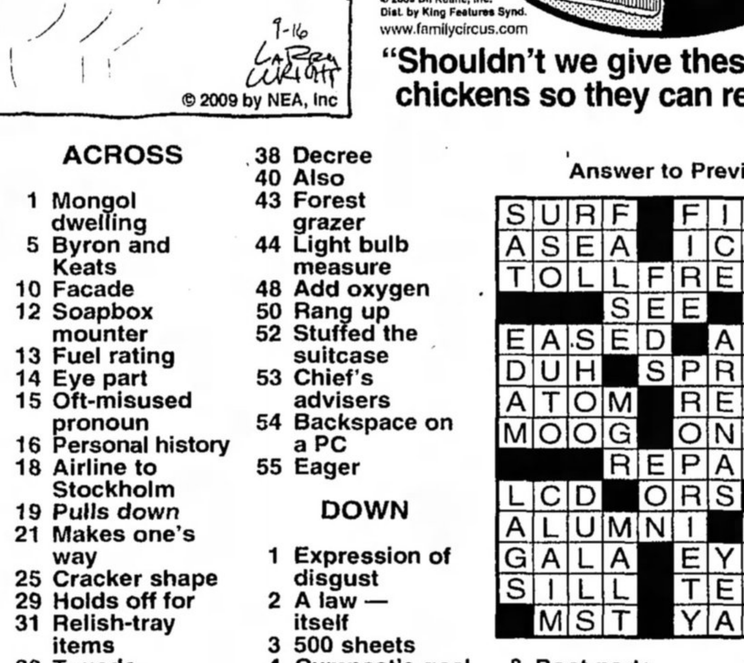

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TV LISTINGS

Woman's withdrawal concerns long-time neighborhood friends

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My neighbors and I are extremely concerned about my next-door neighbor of 38 years, "Anne."

She was always somewhat of a narcissist, and her husband has always been an unsociable, passive-aggressive bore who thinks he's always right.

Since he retired, Anne has been drinking.

She even asked one of our neighbors' sons if he had any marijuana.

She seems to live in a fantasy world and tells stories that aren't true.

Anne never talks to anyone on the phone anymore and has become isolated from most of her former friends.

When people ring her doorbell, she pretends she isn't home.

She is always with her husband and only expresses his likes, opinions and thoughts.

He apparently likes these changes in his wife, but the rest of us find them alarming.

When we ask Anne if anything is wrong, she says "everything is fine."

Do you think there is anything we can do to help her? — **SAN CARLOS NEIGHBOR**

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Does Anne have any children or siblings that you know of?

If the answer is yes, contact them and let them know there have been significant changes in her behavior and that you and the other neighbors are worried about her.

However, if she doesn't, and because she insists that everything is fine, make sure she knows that you and her other friends care about her.

Tell her you are concerned because you rarely have contact with her, but will be there for her as always if she needs you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live and work in a delightful resort town.

Lately, we have noticed a trend among our friends and family who are traveling to our town.

Instead of calling in advance, many of them call us on the day they hope to see us.

In the last two weeks, it has happened three times.

These are people we like and would enjoy seeing, but we work full-time and we usually need a little more advance notice.

We know our friends make plans well in advance to book airline reservations, so we're baffled that they don't contact us while they are making their travel plans.

What can we say when our friends call hoping to see us and then are disappointed when we already have plans? — **BEACH DWELLERS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR BEACH DWELLERS: Tell them that you are disappointed, too, and the next time they plan to be in the area to please call sooner because you make your plans in advance and can't cancel the ones you already have.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Ashley," and I have been dating exclusively for about two years.

Last week, her boss asked her to be his friend's date so he and his girlfriend and the friend could attend a concert for which he had tickets.

I was upset about it, but Ashley said that because I couldn't afford tickets she was going to take the opportunity and go.

In other words, she accepted the offer to be his friend's date in order to attend.

Am I right to be upset with my girlfriend for being her boss's friend's date? — **HURT IN INDIANA**

DEAR HURT: Yes, because it appears that for the price of a concert ticket your relationship with Ashley is no longer "exclusive," and she went in spite of your feelings.

It was also inappropriate for her boss to ask her to be someone's "date," especially if he knew she had a steady boyfriend.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, who also is known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Readers can direct questions to Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men	The New Adventures of Old Christine Shocking news.	Gary Unmarried Frustrations.	Criminal Minds "... And Back" Serial killer who targets prostitutes and the homeless.		CSI: NY "Pay Up" A member of the team is murdered when kidnappers take Robert Dunbrook's son.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Billy Crystal; John Fogerty.		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Danny DeVito.		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming	(2) (:07) Work From Home Internet millions. (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) Bringing Wall Street to Main Street (7) (10) Up to the Minute
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(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	America's Next Top Model "Fortress of Fierceness"		The Beautiful Life: TBL "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park "Butt Out"	Mike Tomlin Show	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	World's Funniest Moments		Magic's Biggest Secrets		Law Order: CI		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Back Pain	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	Lest We Forget		Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget (Live)								Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget							
(59) WBGN	TBA	RENO 911!	TBA	Paid Prog	The FBI Files		To Be Announced		Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
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ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Ruby	Whose Line?	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog	Insanity	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:00) ★★★ "Ocean's Twelve" (2004) George Clooney.				★★ "Firewall" (2006, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Paul Bettany.					★★★ "The Game" (1997, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Penn.						★★★ "Get Shorty" (1995, Comedy)		
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky (N)		Rogue Nature "Lions"		Untamed and Uncut		I Was Bitten		Animal Cops Houston		I Was Bitten		Animal Cops Houston		Untamed and Uncut		Rogue Nature "Lions"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Kitchen Nightmares		Gordon Ramsay's F Word		BBC World News America		Kitchen Nightmares		Gordon Ramsay's F Word		Kitchen Nightmares		Gordon Ramsay's F Word	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Debbie Allen.				★★★ "Deep Cover" (1992) Larry Fishburne.				The Game	The Game	The Wendy Williams Show		★★★ "Deep Cover" (1992) Larry Fishburne.				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas (N)		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Flipping Out "Jenni 911"	
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CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
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DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	"Wizards of Waverly Place The Movie"			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
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ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Boston Red Sox. (Live)						MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants. (Subject to Blackout)						SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
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EWTN	Catholic	Death/Sales.	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	The Triumph of Design		Faith-Culture	Heritage	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Letter-Spirit	Marriage
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Titans of Taste		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Magazine	Football	Penn State	Penn State	WVU Foot	Pitt Football	Big East	N.D. Football	Spotlight	Final Score	Reloaded	Final Score	Best Damn-Pageant		Final Score	Final Score	ClubWPT.com	
FX	(5:30) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action)				★★★ "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer.					★★★ "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer.					'70s Show	'70s Show	Baby Read	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	The Golf Fix	Quest-Card	19th Hole (N)	Top 10	Golf	Golf	Golf	Golf	19th Hole	Golf Central	Golf	Golf	Golf	Golf	19th Hole	Quest-Card
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Beyond Box	House	House	My First Place: Lessons		House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation	Big Amazing	First Place	My First Place: Lessons		House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation
HIST	MonsterQuest		Modern Marvels "Rats"		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect (N)		MysteryQuest		Nazi Prophecies		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect		MysteryQuest	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium "Doctor's Orders"		★★ "Entrapment" (1999) Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones.					Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Parental	Parental	True Life "I'm Bi-Sexual"		True Life		The Real World		The Real World (N)		The Hills	The Real World		The Hills	Daddy	Daddy	The Real World	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Glenn Martin	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	★★ "Legends of the Fall" (1994, Drama) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins.						★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.						★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.					
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In "Healthcare"		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	UFC's Ultimate 100		UFC's Ultimate 100		UFC Fight Night (Live)				The Ultimate Fighter (N)		Surviving Disaster "Hijack"		The Ultimate Fighter		(:06) Surviving Disaster		Disorderly	Disorderly
SYFY	Stargate SG-1 "Prodigy"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Destination Truth (N)		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Lost "Exodus"		The X-Files "Dod Kalm"	
TBS	Raymond	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	House-Payne	House-Payne	Meet-Browns	Meet-Browns	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★ "Code Name: The Cleaner" (2007) Lucy Liu			
TCM	There Goes	(:45) ★★ "The Affairs of Martha" (1943)			★★★ "Passage to Marseille" (1944, War)				★★★ "Sealed Cargo" (1951, Suspense)		(:45) ★★★ "Juarez" (1939, Biography) Paul Muni, Bette Davis.				"Caesar and Cleopatra"			
TLC	What Not to Wear		Restorer Guy	Stager	I Didn't Know		Truth Be Told (N)		Toddlers & Tiaras (N)		I Didn't Know		Truth Be Told		Toddlers & Tiaras		Restorer Guy	Stager
TNT	(5:00) ★ "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000)		★★ "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage. Vicious convicts hijack their flight.						Dark Blue (N)		CSI: NY		Dark Blue		CSI: NY		Cold Case	
TOON	(5:00) ★ "Home Alone 3"		Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Bobb'e Says	Dude	Johnny Test	Teen Titans	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Mega Structures		Bridget's Sexiest Beaches		Extreme Hawaiian Escapes		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Extreme Hawaiian Escapes		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food
TRUTV	Surf	Surf	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Most Daring (N)		Most Daring (N)		Black Gold (N)		Forensic	Forensic	Most Daring		Most Daring		Black Gold	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Married...	Married...	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Dog Tags"		NCIS "Bait"		NCIS "Iced"		NCIS "Terminal Leave"		NCIS "Vanished"		★★ "The Pacifier" (2005, Comedy) Vin Diesel.				In Plain Sight		"To Love & Die" (2008)	
VH1	Real Chance	Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.					TO Show	★★★ "Tupac: Resurrection" (2003, Documentary)					Eddie Griffin
VS.	Motorcycle Racing		Sports	Sports Soup	WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		Sports	Sports Soup
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		20/20 "Death by Driving"		20/20 "Who Killed Aliza?"		60 Minutes		The Locator		Adoption Diaries		60 Minutes		The Locator	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Cosby Show: A Look Back				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(:15) ★★★ "Casper" (1995) Christina Ricci.				★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.					★★ "Spider-Man 3" (2007) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.					(12:50) ★★ "Mimic" (1997) Mira Sorvino.			(:40) Redline
HBO	★★★ "The Simpsons Movie" (2007)		★★ "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008) Queen Latifah.					Mayweather	True Blood		Real Time With Bill Maher		Curb	★★ "Pride and Glory" (2008) Edward Norton.				Entourage
MAX	Over Her	(:35) ★★ "Get Smart" (2008) Steve Carell.			★ "License to Wed" (2007)				★★ "Body of Lies" (2008) Leonardo DiCaprio.				Zane's Sex	(:40) ★ "Fool's Gold" (2008) Matthew McConaughey.				(:35) Lingerie
SHOW	Wonder	(:20) ★ "Witless Protection" (2008) iTV.			Full Color Football History		Inside the NFL (N)		Dana Gould: Thoughts		Inside the NFL (iTV)		★★ "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone.		(:35) "Born to Defense" (1986) Jet Li. iTV.			
STARZ	Synecdoche	(:45) ★★ "Penelope" (2006) Christina Ricci.				(:20) ★★ "First Sunday" (2008)			Lawrence	Lawrence	Crash "P... in the Sandbox"		Crash "The Future Is Free"		★★ "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story"			13th Warrior
TMC	(:05) ★★★ "Stardust" (2007, Fantasy) Claire Danes.				(:15) ★★★ "Margot at the Wedding" (2007)				"Virgin Territory" (2007, Drama)				(:40) ★★ "S.F.W." (1994, Drama) Stephen Dorff.				"Lustful Cravings" (2008) Premiere.	

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Innovations in Chronic Kidney Disease, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Ostomy Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Sewage Authority meeting, authority office, MIDA Industrial Park, Donora, 7 p.m.

■ Monessen Amateur Radio Club meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, 7:30 p.m.

■ Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group meeting, Monongahela Area Library, 10:30 a.m.

■ Open house, Washington County Literacy Council, 27 S. College St., downtown Washington, 5 to 7 p.m.

■ Bentleyville Public Library Book Club meeting, 6 p.m.

■ Bentleyville Public Library book sale.

■ Rummage sale, United Christian Church, Malden Crossroads, California, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Dance featuring Eddie Ford and the Sound of Country Band, Center on the Hill, Washington Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tri County Borough Association meeting, CFU Lodge 354 headquarters, Cokeburg, 7 p.m.

■ Open house, Marion and Rostraver elementary schools, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Charleroi Lions Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Greater Monessen Historical Society accepting loans or donations for military items for its autumn exhibit, society, 505 Donner Ave., 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

SOAR schedules Allenport meeting

The Senior Organization of Active Retirees will meet 1 p.m. Monday at the Allenport fire hall. A United Mine Workers of America staffer will speak. Update will be provided on negotiations at the Allenport plant and UPMC.

Farmers' market checks available

There is still time for eligible senior citizens to obtain farmers' market checks, which will be distributed at the Monessen Area Agency on Aging through Sept. 30. They are available for people who have not received checks this year. Recipients must be 60 or older by Dec. 31, a resident of Westmoreland County and meet income guidelines. Each eligible senior will receive checks totaling $20. Residents of personal care and nursing homes are not eligible. Homebound people can have someone apply for them by completing proxy forms. For information, call (724) 684-3141.

VeggieTale movie set in W. Newton

Bible Fellowship Community Church, 112 Walnut Lane, Suite 5, West Newton, will present the VeggieTale movie "Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. The movie offers a lesson in confidence. Snacks will be provided at the free event. For information, call (724) 872-5150 or visit www.bfchurch.org.

Rostraver Lions Club plans chicken barbecue

The Rostraver Township Lions Club will sponsor its monthly chicken barbecue 11 a.m. to sellout Saturday at the Rostraver Shopping Center. Dinners will comprise a half-chicken, baked beans, roll and beverage. To pre-order dinners, call Tom Gregg at (724) 872-0707 or Bob Mesher at (724) 379-8450. Proceeds will benefit club programs.

Boy Scout Troop 1131 schedules open house

Charleroi Boy Scout Troop 1131 will sponsor an open house 7 p.m. Monday in the scout room on the second floor of the Masonic Hall on Seventh Street. Applications are accepted at all times. Cubs range from first grade to 10 years; scouts, ages 11-18.

ANNIVERSARIES

Edward, Nancy Burgan celebrate 50th

Edward Dean Burgan, formerly of Bentleyville, married Nancy Hayduk, formerly of North Charleroi, on Sept. 12, 1959.

The Burgans now reside in Lewisville, Texas.

They are the parents of Tracy Dean Burgan, of Dallas, and Gwen Burgan Vela, of Enon Valley, Pa.

The couple has four grandchildren, Courtney, Emily and Alex Vela and Austin Burgan.

The Burgans

Ed Burgan is a retired U.S. Customs Service inspector.

Nancy Burgan is retired from Lewisville Independent School District.

The Burgans have many relatives and friends in the Charleroi area.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Ladies Guild of St. Mary

The Ladies Guild of St. Mary opened its 2009 year by reciting the Holy Rosary and attending Divine Liturgy, celebrated by the Rev. Stephen Wahal, its spiritual advisor.

Afterward, President Ruth Hanchin greeted the members in the church auditorium by reading a prayer for priests.

The guild approved minutes and financial reports, as read. Members were reminded of the increase in committee dues.

Agnes Popovich provided the final report on the 60th anniversary of the guild, scheduled 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Alpine Club.

Binding reservations for members and guests can be arranged by calling Popovich at (724) 483-4507 or Hanchin at (724) 483-6443. The reservation deadline is Sept. 28.

The guild officers and trustees will comprise the anniversary celebration committee.

Wahal will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in honor of the anniversary 9 a.m. Oct. 4 at St. Mary Church. Deacon John Hanchin will assist him. A photo session will follow the Liturgy.

The guild offered July birthday greetings to Irene Andracheck and Irene Resetar. The following will celebrate birthdays in August: Mary Ann Horvath, Ethel Zubritsky, Ruth Hanchin, Mike Mayernik, former custodian at St. Mary, Angela Golomb and Connie Magatz.

The following will celebrate September birthdays: Ann Regal and new member Mary McGuire. The guild offered belated June birthday wishes to Irene Bradway.

Anita Dzatko and Rosemarie Lesovic will serve as chairwomen for the November meeting committee. Bradway, McGuire and Magatz will assist them.

Mary Gene Bridge and Dorothy Stefan will serve as chairwomen for the December meeting and Christmas dinner committee. Helen Biksey, Betty Suchko and Ruth Hanchin will assist them.

Co-chairwomen Dolly Seykoski and Mary Ann Mollard served lunch. Gerry Manko, Alberta Stima and Mary Tomcanin assisted them. Mollard donated birthday cake, which the members received in honor of the Blessed Mother.

The following won door prizes: Alberta Stima, Dolores Kernisky, Horvath, Ruth Hanchin and Lesovic. Seykoski, Kay Plesko and Bradway won money. Seykoski prevailed at share the wealth.

Bridge adjourned the meeting.

OLOV Christian Mothers, Women's Guild

Forty-four members of Our Lady of the Valley Christian Mothers/Women's Guild met in the St. Philip Neri Church cafeteria Sept. 8.

President Evelyn Vehouc welcomed the group and led the confraternity prayers, flag pledge and three Hail Mary's for deceased and sick members including Rosalie Debowski's sister, Millie Caruso.

Vice President Mary Kosh called the roll; corresponding Secretary Mary Olivieri read a thank-you card from the Mangino family; Secretary Mary Smith read prior month minutes; and Treasurer Elaine Andras presented checking and social fund reports.

Vehouc thanked the members who participated in the penny social. She said the theme baskets were gorgeous and Chinese auction items were well received.

She thanked Adele McKita, Edie Jericho, Blanche Kopanic and Rosemarie Kopanic for their service at the Queenship of Mary fellowship at St Philip Neri Church.

The soup sale will take place Oct. 28 at St Dominic parish hall. Members are to bring bread and rolls for the bake sale. Kosh, (724) 379-9036, and Rita Urko, (724) 379-7382, will take orders.

The Strudel sale will take place Oct. 7-9 at St Dominic parish hall. Kosh and Urko will accept advance orders. Members will be needed to peel apples and make dough Oct. 5 and 6. Volunteers are needed to roll and handle kitchen duties.

The Mass honoring patroness Our Lady of Sorrows will be celebrated 9 a.m. Sept. 13 at St. Dominic Church. Christmas dinner information will be provided at the October meeting.

The Rev. Bud Falkenhan conducted an impressive service installing the following new members: Phyllis DiSanza, Gerry Fronzaglio, Linda Iannetti and Vera Klein. Falkenhan blessed and presented the new members with confraternity medals and booklets.

Each member received a gift of a Blessed Virgin Mary magnet. The table was adorned with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary surrounded with vases of blue flowers and candles.

Falkenhan asked the members to bring baked goods to the flea market Oct. 2-3 and help sell the items at St. Dominic Parish hall.

A spaghetti dinner is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at the St. Philip Neri Church cafeteria and advance tickets will be sold. He asked the ladies to assist wherever they can at the dinner.

MARC sets town hall meeting

The Monongahela Area Revitalization Corp. will sponsor its third annual town hall meeting 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Monongahela Senior Center, 102 W. Main St.

The topic will be "Economic Development in the Monongahela Area: Opportunities/Barriers."

Anthony M. Lombardi, president and CEO emeritus of Monongahela Valley Hospital, will serve as moderator.

Jeff Kotula, Washington County Chamber of Commerce president, will serve as keynote speaker.

Ken Kulak, newly appointed city councilman and Monongahela Planning Commission chairman, will open the program with an update of the comprehensive plan for the Monongahela area.

He will discuss progress made since the last town hall meeting.

The program is done with support from Southwest Pennsylvania Human Services Inc.

For information, call Gwendolyn Simmons at (724) 258-5079.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: E equals B

"PZIP PZH MCPSIPCAD IKKHIBM ZAKHTHMM MZASTO DAP KBHJHDP SM NBAR OACDF ASB EHMP." - HDJCBADRHDPITCMP ITOA THAKATO

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You climb to reach the summit, but once there, discover that all roads lead down." - Stanislaw Lem

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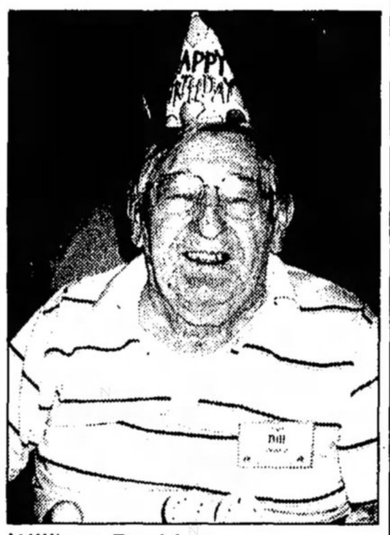

William Pushkar

Pushkar honored on 90th birthday

The Monessen Lions Club recently recognized William "Bill" Pushkar on his 90th birthday.

Lion President Marie Burnfield presented him with the Lions International 55-year Monarch Cheveron and a congratulatory letter from Lions International President Albert Brandel.

When you make the grade

When submitting news to Making the Grade, include the first and last names of all listed. In addition, include a telephone number, just in case we have any questions about your submission.

CCM, WG, Mary Mother of the Church

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women's Guild at Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi, met in September in Marian Hall.

President Adeline Povich welcomed the women back after their summer vacation. Theresa Altemara presented the secretary's report, Rose McManus provided financial details, and Donna Mocilan read cards and thank-you letters the confraternity received.

On Sept. 27, the confraternity will host Meet and Greet Sunday. Elaine Weiss and JoAnn Mocilan will serve after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Dottie Taylor was welcomed into the confraternity. She is the daughter of member Kay Russel.

Margie Pankiewicz brightened the meeting by reading poetry and presenting a humorous story.

The following celebrated August and September birthdays: Sharon Ramsey, Kay Briggs, Tina Rossi, Weiss, Mary Troiano, Mary LaCarte, Helen Andreas, Lil Fowkes, Audrey Hayduk, Pat Senko, Joyce Ramusivich and Bonnie Mannerino. Ramsey won the birthday prize.

Povich discussed the card party scheduled for Nov. 1. Rose McManus and LaCarte will act as co-chairwomen. Mary Kaye Fredrick will aid them. Marlene Calcek will head the kitchen. The following is needed for the party: such donations for the Chinese auction as new and unusual items.

Povich said six or seven baskets – including a lottery basket, wine basket and Christmas basket – should be filled and ready for the party.

Dorothy Yagodich read petitions.

The following won prizes: Mannerino, Taylor, Mary Sciacca and Helen Giebel.

Marlene Calcek won the sure tip. Povich, LaCarte, Mary Tarabella, Janet Sacane won gifts donated by Kathy Driesen.

Driesen and her committee were in charge of the social that followed the meeting.

Mary Rosick is scheduled to head the October social.

Here's a flash: It's the mayor

A Louisiana man has been charged with false impersonation of a peace officer.

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) – Police say a man impersonating an officer with a flashing red light in his car has been arrested after he pulled over the wrong driver – the mayor of Shreveport, La.

Police think the suspect was using the in-dash light to maneuver through traffic Monday night in northwest Louisiana.

Mayor Cedric Glover says he pulled over when Niederhelman drove behind him, but the fake officer then sped away.

Glover says he followed the car and called police. Daniel Niederhelman, 21, of Shreveport has been charged with false personation of a peace officer.

Police seized the light and a handgun from Niederhelman's holster. Authorities say Niederhelman works for a private security company, but wasn't authorized to use the light.

Valley Entertainment appears each Thursday

NEWS

Traffic restrictions eyed for G-20

Inconveniences for motorists part of tight security for gathering of world leaders.

By JILL GREENWOOD
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The city will close the Golden Triangle to most vehicular traffic during the Group of 20 economic summit, officials announced Tuesday.

"There will be a lot of inconveniences but we are doing everything in our power to make sure Downtown stays open and keeps moving throughout this event," Mayor Luke Ravenstahl said.

Beginning at midnight Wednesday and continuing through Friday night, any vehicles trying to enter the business district west of a line running from the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to Ross Street will pass through one of three checkpoints — at the Smithfield Street Bridge at Carson Street in the South Side; at Fifth Avenue and Ross Street, Downtown; and on the Roberto Clemente Bridge at Isabella Street on the North Shore.

Drivers can exit Downtown at any location outside a security perimeter established by the Secret Service close to the convention center.

People who live within the closed area must show a driver's license bearing their Downtown address to get through the checkpoint, said police Lt. Joseph Tersak.

Officers are building a database of Downtown residents so that they have the names of people whose addresses aren't on their licenses.

Police plan to allow Port Authority buses, ACCESS vehicles, and FedEx, UPS and U.S. Postal Service delivery trucks into the district at various hours throughout the Sept. 24-25 summit. Delivery drivers must present a manifest or bill showing the address of a destination, said authorities.

The announcement came as city leaders have grappled with several issues expected from the gathering of world leaders at the convention center. City Council members heard from protest groups, while debating rules to govern what people can carry and wear.

Oakland leaders said they are prepared for protesters to target their neighborhood.

"Their plan, as we're seeing it right now, is to cause widespread, sporadic problems in very different places throughout the city to sort of draw out our police resources," said police Cmdr. Kathy Degler.

The city's plan allows pedestrians and cyclists throughout the Golden Triangle. They would pass through Secret Service checkpoints to enter a restricted area within a few blocks of the convention center.

"But who's going to want to walk Downtown?" asked Robin Fernandez, owner of Bossa Nova restaurant inside the perimeter on Seventh Street. "We're going to be open. But I don't know any customers who want to be here during the G-20. We hope to get some pedestrian traffic."

The restrictions will be cumbersome for workers, said Tamika Haynes, 25, who drives to her job at PNC Financial Services Group from Ben Avon.

"But it's a good idea because of all the pedestrian traffic, so it'll alleviate some of the stress," Haynes said. "It'll cause some inconveniences, but having Pittsburgh host the G-20 makes it worth it."

Port Authority will run a full complement of buses because people who usually drive might need rides, said CEO Steve Bland. Light-rail service will run to First Avenue.

The three subway stations will close. Most buses will enter and exit Downtown via Boulevard of the Allies.

"There may be some people who figure it will be easier to go to a park-and-ride and take the bus in but, at the same time, we're hearing about businesses that will be closed," Bland said.

In Oakland, leaders expect the neighborhood will serve as a staging ground for environmental activists, anti-capitalists, anarchists and thousands of other anti-G-20 demonstrators.

During marches to Downtown, extremists could vandalize storefronts operated by corporate chains such as Starbucks and McDonald's, said police during a meeting organized by the nonprofit Oakland Business Improvement District.

An online map of "targets" produced by the G-20 Resistance Project shows the location of all area Starbucks stores.

"They marked all 24 Starbucks and their comment was: 'Wouldn't it be interesting if we could get all 24 Starbucks at the same time?' " Degler said.

Complicating matters, Microsoft founder Bill Gates will be in Oakland on Tuesday to dedicate the Gates Center for Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University, said university police Lt. Gary Scheimer.

Carnegie Mellon plans to add 15 to 20 officers to its 25-member force beginning Monday to patrol campus. The University of Pittsburgh will have 68 officers working 12-hour shifts beginning Tuesday, said Cmdr. Francis Walsh. City police committed 100 officers to patrol Oakland.

Walsh said he expects a large group of protesters to gather by early afternoon Sept. 24 on Frew Street to protest the arrival of some delegates visiting Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

City Council members expect to take a final vote today on rules that Ravenstahl's office asked for to help secure the city.

They voted yesterday to delay a vote on an ordinance that would ban certain objects used "with intent to defeat lawful dispersal orders."

They struck down an ordinance that would have prohibited protesters from wearing masks "with the specific intent to hide one's identity during the commission" of a crime.

"The city has been around for 193 years without having the need to make potential outlaws out of people who wear masks or hoods, and we've gone through more trying times than these," said Councilman Bill Peduto.

Demonstrators yesterday brought to Council items that they believe could be barred citywide during the summit — including key chains, polar-bear masks, plastic penguins and other props.

Eight people then marched to the convention center, where President Obama was speaking to the AFL-CIO convention. They unfurled a banner reading "Free Speech Not Free Trade."

As they neared the center, four city police officers blocked them before they could cross Penn Avenue.

Officials are encouraging anybody living, working or visiting Downtown to review a Web site — www.g20safety.org — for updates on traffic and other security restrictions. A list of park-and-ride locations can be found online at portauthority.org/g20.

Associated Press

President Barack Obama addresses the AFL-CIO convention Tuesday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

Obama, Specter address AFL-CIO

Both align on health care, labor priorities before organization's convention in Pittsburgh.

By MIKE WERESCHAGIN
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President Obama told the AFL-CIO convention in Pittsburgh on Tuesday that organized labor's two priorities — a health care overhaul and set of pro-union labor law changes — are within reach.

Obama, who enjoyed strong union support during his campaign, told about 2,500 people at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown, that unions are central to the country's economic success.

"The fundamental test of this century, of our time, is whether ... we will let America become a nation of the very rich and the very poor, of the haves and the have-nots, or whether we will remain true to the promise of this country and build a future where the success of all of us is built on the success of each of us," Obama said.

Obama reiterated his support for a public insurance option in the health care overhaul working its way through Congress, though he stopped short of demanding it be included.

"Few have fought for this cause harder, few have championed it longer than you, our brothers and sisters in organized labor," Obama said.

Union members say they won't support a health care bill that does not offer a public insurance plan. Incoming AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, who is expected to be voted in today, sought to dispel the idea that there is any daylight on the issue between the union and the administration.

"We're not going to speculate, we're not going to negotiate" on union support for a health care overhaul without a public option, Trumka said after the president's speech. "He is fighting for the public option, and so are we."

Sen. Arlen Specter, who switched to the Democratic Party in April after nearly 30 years in the Senate as a Republican, took it a step further during his speech to the convention.

"Although there's not a lot of support of single-payer, I believe it should be on the table," Specter said, drawing cheers.

"At a minimum, we shouldn't settle for anything less than a robust public option," he added.

Opponents of the health care overhaul say the public option is a gateway to a single-payer system.

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Westmoreland prison closed to protesters

Officials reject request to house overflow of arrested demonstrators at county lockup.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
For The Valley Independent
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Westmoreland County officials on Monday rejected a request from Allegheny County to house any overflow of protesters arrested at the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh next week.

Warden John Walton said Westmoreland would not have been paid for allowing Allegheny County to use space in the Hempfield prison.

"These people are going to be very problematic inmates, and we do not need that here," Walton said.

Officials anticipate a need for additional jail space to accommodate an expected influx of protesters during the two-day international financial summit that begins Sept. 24.

Westmoreland County has the space, with almost 140 available beds, Walton said.

As of yesterday, the lockup had 554 inmates. It has a capacity of 691 inmates.

The jail is already facing a potentially larger inmate population as a result of the summit, according to Walton.

The State Correctional Institution in Pittsburgh's North Side, which serves as a local intake facility, will not accept inmates from the Westmoreland County Prison beginning later this week through the end of September, Walton said.

That means the inmate population at the jail could swell by as much as 50.

The inmate population also is growing as a result of the state budget impasse.

Walton told members of the county's prison board yesterday that because the state has stopped funding a number of social service programs, no emergency shelters will accept inmates.

Inmates approved for release on probation but who have no other approved home typically have been sent to shelters.

Prison population monitor Jodi Cammarata said inmates used to be sent to a shelter at the YMCA in Greensburg, but that facility shut down earlier this year.

"There is just nowhere local for them to go," Cammarata said.

Walton estimated there are about 10 inmates eligible for release who can't leave the jail because they have nowhere to live and there are no available shelters. Those inmates cost the jail $63 a day each.

Book signing set Thursday

An author from Carroll Township will conduct a book signing session Thursday.

Mildred Y. Wade, a retired public school teacher who has resided in the Mon Valley for the past 29 years, will sign copies of her new book, "Five Cherry Trees and a Grapevine," 1 to 4 p.m. at Sanctified Scissors Salon, 408 Donner Ave., Monessen.

The book recounts the author's experiences growing up in Aliquippa during the 1930s.

Wade is the wife of the Rev. Maurice B. Wade Sr.

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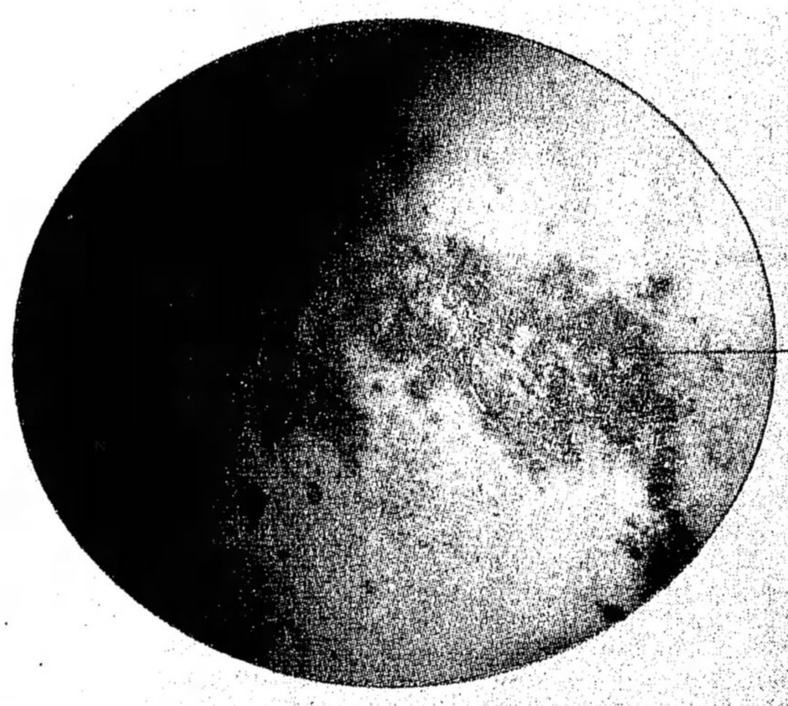

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You should read this summary of information about ZOSTAVAX[1] before you are vaccinated. If you have any questions about ZOSTAVAX after reading this leaflet, you should ask your health care provider. This information does not take the place of talking about ZOSTAVAX with your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider. Only your health care provider can decide if ZOSTAVAX is right for you.

What is ZOSTAVAX and how does it work?
ZOSTAVAX is a vaccine that is used for adults 60 years of age or older to prevent shingles (also known as zoster).

ZOSTAVAX contains a weakened chickenpox virus (varicella-zoster virus).

ZOSTAVAX works by helping your immune system protect you from getting shingles. If you do get shingles even though you have been vaccinated, ZOSTAVAX may help prevent the nerve pain that can follow shingles in some people.

ZOSTAVAX may not protect everyone who gets the vaccine. ZOSTAVAX cannot be used to treat shingles once you have it.

What do I need to know about shingles and the virus that causes it?
Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Once you have had chickenpox, the virus can stay in your nervous system for many years. For reasons that are not fully understood, the virus may become active again and give you shingles. Age and problems with the immune system may increase your chances of getting shingles.

Shingles is a rash that is usually on one side of the body. The rash begins as a cluster of small red spots that often blister. The rash can be painful. Shingles rashes usually last up to 30 days and, for most people, the pain associated with the rash lessens as it heals.

Who should not get ZOSTAVAX?
You should not get ZOSTAVAX if you:
- are allergic to any of its ingredients.
- are allergic to gelatin or neomycin.
- have a weakened immune system (for example, an immune deficiency, leukemia, lymphoma, or HIV/AIDS).
- take high doses of steroids by injection or by mouth.
- are pregnant or plan to get pregnant.

You should not get ZOSTAVAX to prevent chickenpox.

Children should not get ZOSTAVAX.

How is ZOSTAVAX given?
ZOSTAVAX is given as a single dose by injection under the skin.

What should I tell my health care provider before I get ZOSTAVAX?
You should tell your health care provider if you:
- have or have had any medical problems.
- take any medicines, including nonprescription medicines, and dietary supplements.
- have any allergies, including allergies to neomycin or gelatin.
- had an allergic reaction to another vaccine.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding.

Tell your health care provider if you expect to be in close contact (including household contact) with newborn infants, someone who may be pregnant and has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated against chickenpox, or someone who has problems with their immune system. Your health care provider can tell you what situations you may need to avoid.

What are the possible side effects of ZOSTAVAX?
The most common side effects that people in the clinical studies reported after receiving the vaccine include:
- redness, pain, itching, swelling, warmth, or bruising where the shot was given.
- headache.

The following additional side effects have been reported in general use with ZOSTAVAX:
- allergic reactions, which may be serious and may include difficulty in breathing or swallowing. If you have an allergic reaction, call your doctor right away.
- fever
- hives at the injection site
- joint pain
- muscle pain
- rash
- rash at the injection site
- swollen glands near the injection site (that may last a few days to a few weeks)

Tell your health care provider if you have any new or unusual symptoms after you receive ZOSTAVAX.

What are the ingredients of ZOSTAVAX?
Active Ingredient: a weakened form of the varicella-zoster virus.

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What else should I know about ZOSTAVAX?
Vaccinees and their health care providers are encouraged to call (800) 986-8999 to report any exposure to ZOSTAVAX during pregnancy.

This leaflet summarizes important information about ZOSTAVAX.

If you would like more information, talk to your health care provider or visit the website at www.ZOSTAVAX.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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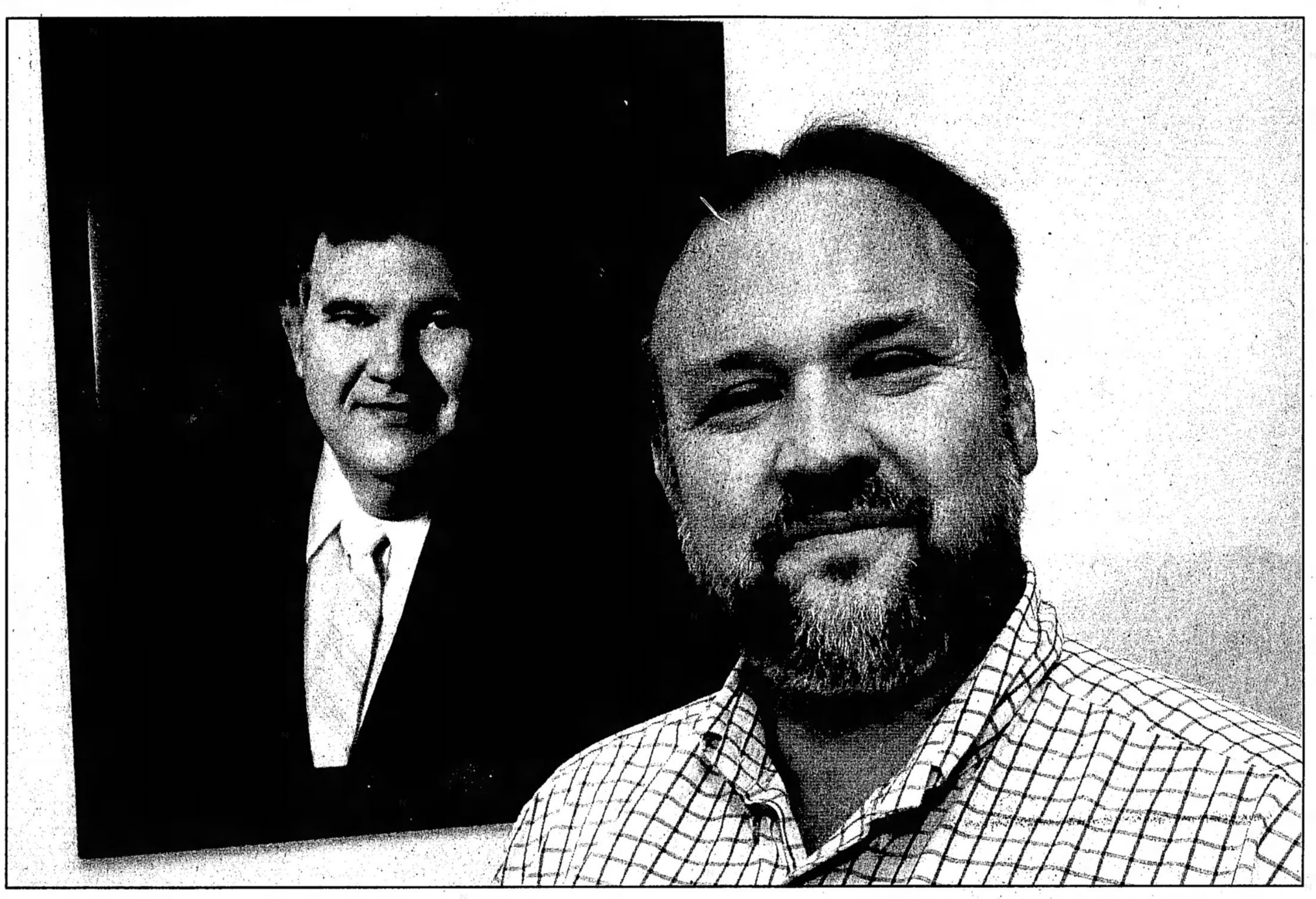

Chris Grilli, of Grilli's Studio in New Eagle, stands in front of a photo of his late father, Eugene, who started the business. The studio began with Eugene Grilli's interest in photography as a hobby.

Jim Ference/ The Valley Independent

Father's hobby led to business

Eugene Grilli's studio began with taking pictures of his children.

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Valley Survivors

This weekly feature honors a "Valley Survivor" — one of the many Mid-Mon Valley businesses, organizations and institutions that began when the local economy was booming, survived the financial havoc created by the decline of the domestic steel industry and remain viable today.

A hair salon operator in New Eagle by day, Eugene Grilli spent evenings with his two young children while his wife Dolores worked as a nurse on the midnight shift.

He took up the hobby of photography, shooting many photos of his son, Chris, and daughter, Cindy, in their Sycamore Street home.

By 1966, his hobby became a side business out of his home while he owned and operated The Beauty Nook.

Two years later, he rented a business front for Grilli's Studio at 133 Main St., New Eagle, and ultimately bought it.

Eugene Grilli operated both the Beauty Nook and Grilli's Studio until 1987, when he sold the salon.

The photography studio turned from a hobby into a livelihood.

His son, Chris Grilli, started working there when he was 14. He was a freshman at Mon Valley Catholic High School when the teachers went on strike.

"I thought I was sleeping in," Chris Grilli recalled. "He kicked the bed and said, 'If you're not going to school, you're going to work.'"

Chris Grill started with lab work, then began shooting at weddings. A 1981 graduate of Mon Valley Catholic, he earned a bachelor's degree in 1985 from Waynesburg College.

"He took the photos and I made the photos, doing all of the lab work," Chris Grilli recalled of the business relationship with his late father, Eugene. "He did 90 percent of the photo taking.

"When my father died, many people asked me what I was going to do. They did not realize I was here in the studios."

After his father's passing in 1999, Chris Grilli started taking photographs.

"I tried to continue making the photos as well as taking them, but there was not enough hours in a day," Grilli said.

Today, Grilli does some printing, but major projects are contracted out.

"In this day and age, it's not effective to do a lot of printing yourself," Grilli said. "There's a lot of good labs that turn things around in a timely fashion."

When Eugene Grilli moved into the studio, his wife, Dolores, quit her nursing job and went to work full time in the photography business.

Eugene Grilli had some part-time photographers. As the years went on, he brought in a receptionist who did some assembling work.

Joy Dunmire joined Grilli's Studios in 1995.

"I would consider her my right-hand person," Grilli said. "She got me through all of the transition when my father passed away. She answers the phones, assembles albums and products and does all of the ordering. She does everything but take the photographs."

His mother also works a couple of days a week at the studios.

Digital photography has changed the industry, making it more efficient.

He noted that in the age of film cameras, many different types and manufacturers of film were available.

But regardless of the technology, one secret to success never goes out of style: treating your customers well.

"The most important thing is to be honest with them and give them a good product for a fair price," Grilli said. "Repeat business is very important to being successful and being able to sleep at night.

"I couldn't mistreat customers, I couldn't overprice for a product and sleep at night. I take a lot of pride in not charging too much."

In addition to family portraits and weddings, Grilli's Studios does photography for Monongahela Valley Hospital and Duquesne University.

Grilli does the photography for Monessen, Ringgold and Madonna schools. Often, the students he photographed became the couples he photographed at their weddings.

"I see many people who are getting married who went to Finleyville (Middle) or Gastonville (Elementary) who now are getting married," Grilli said. "They say, 'Oh, I know you. You did our school photos.'"

Another tradition of Grilli's Studio has continued.

"My father believed in doing work for churches," Grilli said. "If a church asked for something, he believed in taking care of them. It was the right thing to do.

"And I uphold that. If a church asks for something, I try to complete it for them and I don't take any profit from churches."

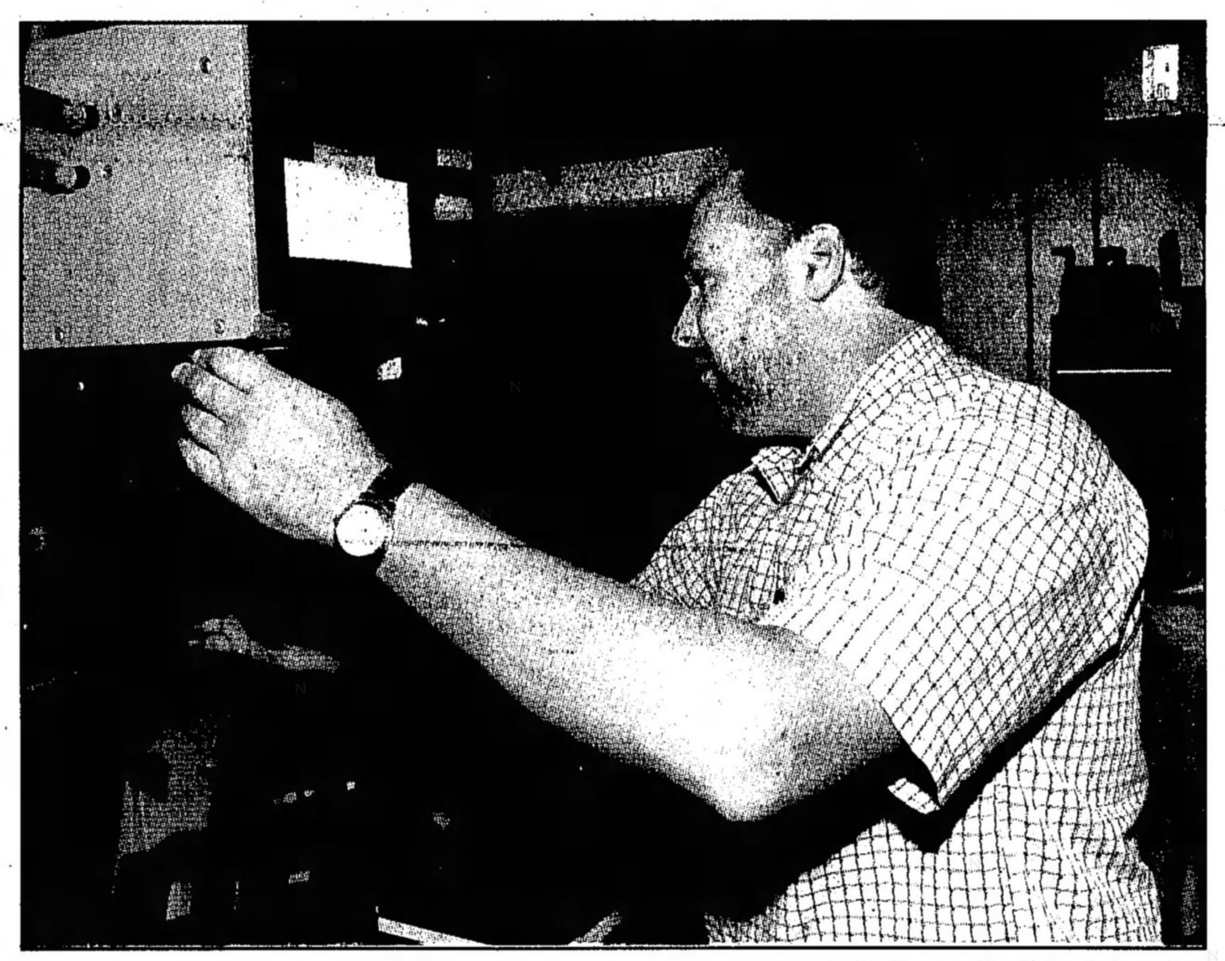
Name and reputation builds the business, Grilli said.

"Having a name hanging out front is better than having a non-name studio," Grilli said. "Grilli's Studio is more effective than say New Eagle Studios. A name can put a face to it.

"I'm not saying everybody knows me, but they can walk through the door and see me standing here ... and standing behind the product."

Grilli tells his employees to do their work like their name is on it.

"If you can't do the job like you're doing it for yourself, I really don't want your help," Grilli said.



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Chris Grilli reminisces about using a color enlarger at his studio. The advent of digital photography made the machine obsolete.

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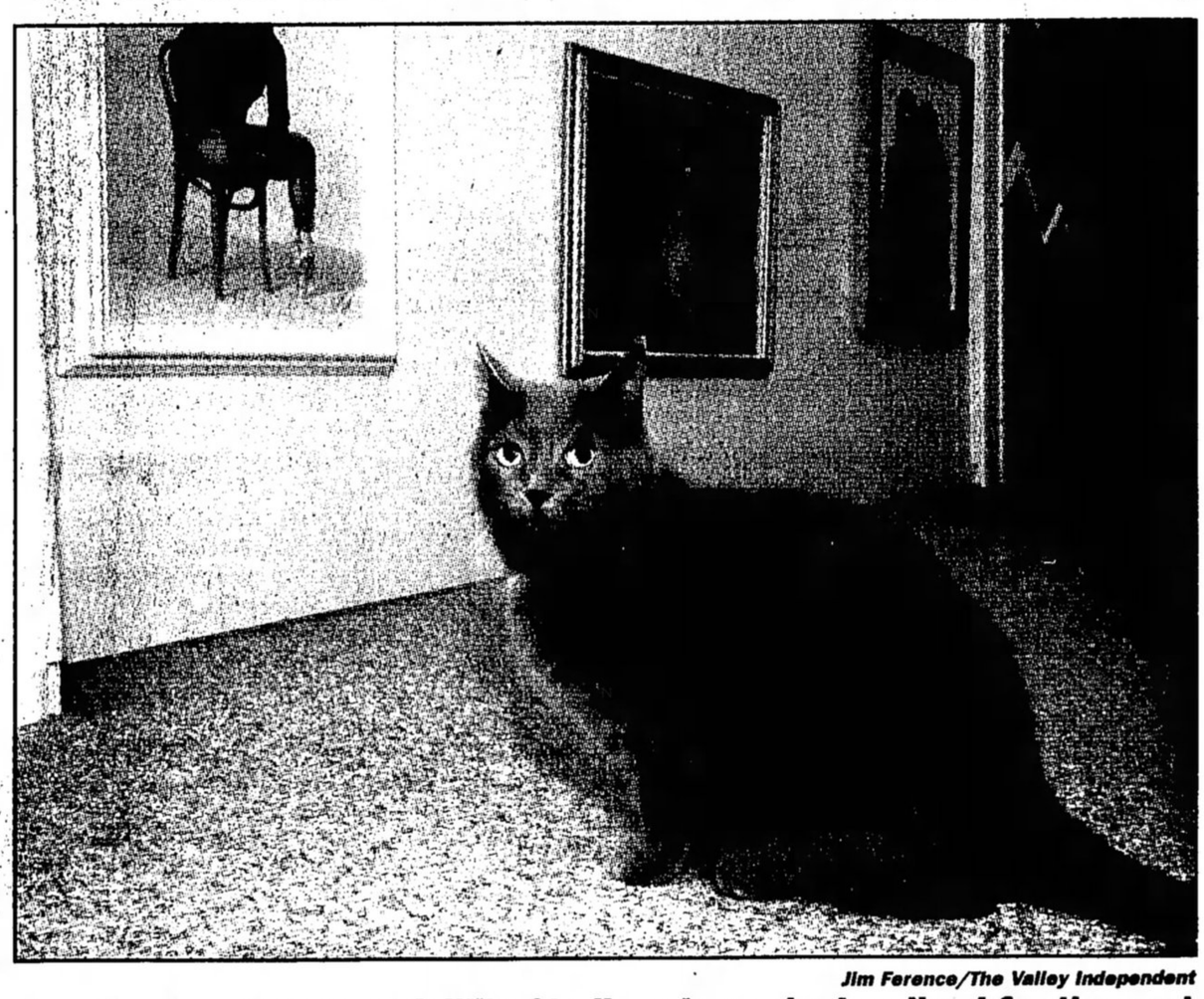

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Serafina is a fixture at Grilli's Studio, where she has lived for the past nine years.

Chamber to hand out awards

Mon Valley Regional will honor excellence in the community Sept. 24.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards event Sept. 24 in the Anthony Lombardi Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

The event sponsor is Monongahela Valley Hospital. Specialty sponsors are Guttman Oil, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, McGinley Maintenance, and Southwestern Pa. Human Services.

An hors d'oeuvres reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by the awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

This year's selection committee has announced the following honorees:

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Progeny Systems, John McKay, manager

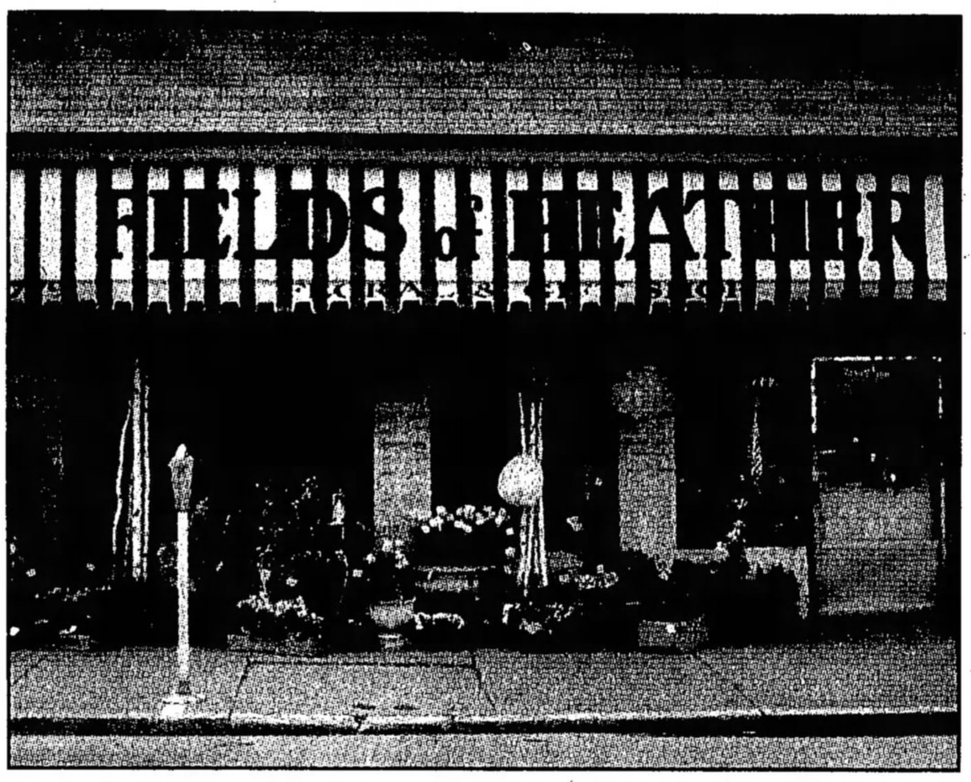
Progeny Systems Corporation is a privately held high-tech small business specializing in electronic systems development for the United States Department of Defense.

The firm operates several plants throughout the country, including the Alta Vista location in Fallowfield Township, which continues to expand its location and product line.

"Progeny has contributed greatly to the local economy and has been an excellent corporate citizen, contributing generously to several area programs," said Debbie Keefer, executive director of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"Chuck Dreer, who unexpectedly died earlier this year, was the driving force behind the plant's start-up and will be remembered during the program."

Progeny Systems Corporation will receive the Outstanding Business Development award.



The Excellence in Business Award will be presented to Fields of Heather.

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS
Fields of Heather, Tom and Gretchen Speece, owners

Fields of Heather is a "household name in the Mon Valley," Keefer said.

"The distinctive designs and consistent service delivered by Gretchen and Tom Speece for 20 years have earned Fields of Heather an excellent reputation," Keefer said. "Providing floral products over the years to literally thousands of funerals, weddings, and prom goers, this little shop on McKean Avenue in Charleroi will be recognized for the admirable way they have served their customers for two decades."

OUTSTANDING REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD
Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, Dr. Harry Miale, chairman/Valerie Kissell, executive director

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority provides service runs connecting Valley communities as well as direct service to the City of Pittsburgh.

"The MMVTA has been known as one the most productive small transit systems in Pennsylvania," said Keefer.

The transit authority is "a friendly partner to many organizations in the region, therefore, their community involvement and support are also being recognized," Keefer said.

SHINING STAR AWARD
Stephen Russell, BVA Superintendent of Schools

Russell, who was named superintendent of Belle Vernon Area School District, will be presented with the Chamber's 2009 "Shining Star" award, which is given annually for individual outstanding achievements.

"Steve Russell is well known for many accomplishments on many levels," Keefer said. "He is a passionate educator, writer, and historian; his talents as a public speaker have taken him as far as the microphone at ESPN."

His love of sports is demonstrated by his dedication as Chairman of the Mid Mon Valley Sports Hall of Fame and his job as ticket seller for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tickets to the awards event are $25 per person. Seating is limited so reservations should be made promptly by responding to mailed invitation or by calling the Chamber at (724) 483-3507. An invitation is also posted at www.mvrchamber.org.

New fuel economy regulations unveiled

New standards would require vehicles to average 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016.

By JULIE PACE and KEN THOMAS
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — With global talks on climate change looming, the Obama administration sought to gain momentum Tuesday by unveiling its plan to require better gas mileage for cars and trucks and tougher rules on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson released the proposed regulations at the White House, the follow-up to President Barack Obama's announcement in May that the government regulations would link emissions and fuel economy standards.

"This action will give our auto companies some long-overdue clarity, stability and predictability," Obama said Tuesday during a visit to a General Motors plant in Lordstown, Ohio.

"This marks a significant advance in our work to protect health and the environment and move our nation to a sustainable economy in the future," Jackson said.

The new standards call for the auto industry's fleet of new vehicles to average 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016.

The proposal will cover vehicle model years 2012 through 2016, allowing auto companies to comply at once with all federal requirements as well as standards pushed by California and about a dozen other states.

The administration estimated the requirements would cost up to $1,300 per new vehicle by 2016 — but that it would take just three years to pay off that investment and that the standards would save more than $3,000 over the life of the vehicle through better gas mileage.

Jackson said the new standards will have the effect of taking 42 million cars off the road.

The proposal is expected to increase vehicle fuel efficiency by about 5 percent annually and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 950 million metric tons. The plan would also conserve 1.8 billion barrels of oil, Jackson said.

Administration officials noted that the new standards are four years ahead of a 2007 law that would have required the auto industry to meet a 35 mpg average in 2020.

The proposed rules are expected to provide automakers some flexibility in meeting the requirements in exchange for building advanced vehicles. Some luxury automakers and foreign manufacturers who sell a limited number of vehicles in the United States could meet a less-stringent standard in the early years of the regulations.

The agencies must finalize the proposal by March 30 to give automakers enough planning time for the regulations to take effect in the 2012 model year.

Tuesday's announcement could provide the Obama administration momentum on climate change in advance of a series of high-level talks on a new international agreement to curb heat-trapping gases and a speech by the President next week on global warming at a special U.N. summit.

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Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, right, and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, speak Tuesday.

Your Financial Future

Stock market returns to pre-9/11 level

Gary **BOATMAN**

This week, our country remembered the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. One of the goals of the terrorists was to disrupt our financial markets.

The day before the attack, Sept. 10, 2001, the Dow ended the day at 9,605.51.

On Sept. 10 of this year, the Dow closed at 9,605.41. This means that if you owned the same basket of Dow stocks on both days, you did not earn a penny in eight years. You would have actually earned more in a passbook savings account.

During these eight years, the market was as high as 14,000 and a good deal lower than today. With all this volatility, you should expect to be compensated for taking a great deal of risk. This has not happened.

Not only has the market not delivered a return that reflects the risk, but when you consider fees, you may have an actual loss. Fees can be especially high in a product such as a variable annuity. It is important to know what your fees actually are.

It is also important to distinguish between realized and unrealized gains.

When you buy a stock, your purchase price is your basis. As the market goes up and down, you have unrealized gains or losses. You do not have a realized gain or loss until you sell the stock. You cannot spend unrealized gains.

Most people do not get as high of a return as the market in general. This is because they try to time the market, which is something that no one can do on a consistent basis.

It is also important to remember how the stock market operates. When you purchase a stock, you are usually buying from another investor who often believes the stock is going down in price. The only time you buy from the issuing company is in a case of an initial public offering.

When there is an IPO, there is dilution of value to existing stockholders unless you exercise your pre-emptive right to maintain your same percent of ownership by buying additional shares.

An important aspect of America-Chinese relationship is the U.S. debt. One of the reasons mortgages have been so low is the large amount of debt that our government has been selling at very low interest rates.

China is the world's largest purchaser of our debt. It owns $800 billion, or nearly 25 percent, of our entire debt. If China refuses to continue to buy, our capital markets could feel a major impact. Interest rates will increase, bonds will decrease in value and economic recovery will be slower.

Gary Boatman, a local businessman who serves as president of the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce, is a certified financial planner.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charleroi breast cancer awareness walk Oct. 10

TEAM Charleroi's promotions committee will present the sixth annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk Oct. 10. The event is held annually in memory of Charleroi businesswomen Lois Orange Ducoeur.

The Ducoeur family has owned and operated Orange's Gift Department Store since 1893 and it is believed to be one of the oldest family-owned businesses in the region. Ducoeur lost her battle with cancer in 1965.

The event is sponsored by Monongahela Valley Hospital, Ducoeur's Furniture and Sci-Tek Consultants and will start with registration in the Charleroi Market House at 9 a.m. Opening remarks, a group picture, balloon release and the one- or two-mile walk will commence at 10:15 a.m.

All donations are welcome. Walkers collecting a minimum of $20 can receive a t-shirt (registrations must be received by Sept. 18 in order to be guaranteed a t-shirt). Pink memorial or survivor ribbons are available for $5 and will be placed on lampposts along the walk route. Additionally, pink memorial or survivor balloons may be purchased for $2 the day of the race, and will be released prior to the start of the walk.

Registration information can be found on-line at www.teamcharleroi.org or by calling TEAM Charleroi at (724) 483-3070.

Proceeds will benefit the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Chamber, ActionCOACH sponsor seminar

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce and ActionCOACH Business Coaching are partnering to conduct a seminar 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Spring Hill Suites by the Marriott in Washington, Pa.

The seminar will concentrate on the steps to create the proper mindset in running a business during these economic times.

To register, contact Debbie Sims at the Washington County Chamber at (724) 225.3010 or e-mail debbie@washcochamber.com.

The cost is $20 per person, which includes a continental breakfast. Reservations will be accepted through Friday.

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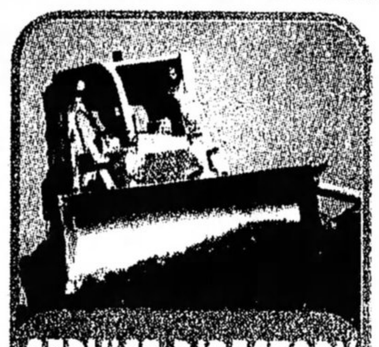

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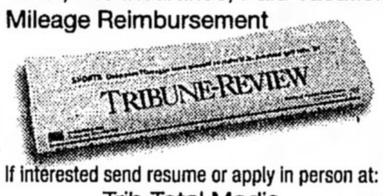

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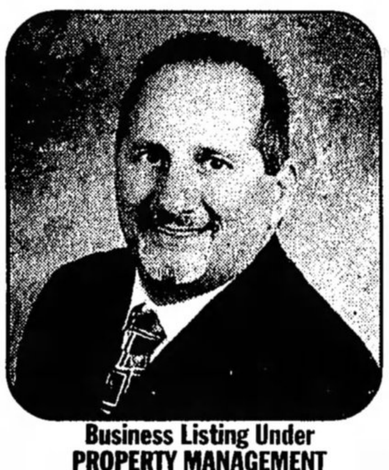

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5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Musial, Eleanor
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters testamentary on the estate of ELEANOR MUSIAL, late of The City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to

Elayne S. Busovicki, Executrix
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI-RROF)

PUBLICATION DATE: September 16, 2009

GRANTEE NAME: City of Monessen

GRANTEE ADDRESS: Municipal Building
100 Third Street
Monessen, PA 15062

TELEPHONE: (724) 684-9712

To all interested agencies, groups and persons: The purpose of this notice is to satisfy two (2) separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Monessen, PA.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 1, 2009, the City of Monessen will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to release CDBG Funds and CDBG-R funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for project activities:

ASSESSED PROJECTS

- Clearance/Demolition - Demolition of vacant dilapidated structures identified through code enforcement, citywide.

The above project activities may extend beyond one fiscal year and may require funding from future program years.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Monessen has determined that these projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Monessen Department of Community Development, Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA 15062 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

In addition to the proposed list above, on or about October 1, 2009 the City of Monessen will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to release CDBG Funds and CDBG-R funds for project activities, which are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR 58.35) and for which there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An ERR which more fully sets forth the reasons why no such assessment is required is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours, at the City of Monessen Department of Community Development at the above listed address.

CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED PROJECTS

Housing Rehabilitation: Use of program income funds for the rehabilitation program delivery costs and for low interest loans and grants for housing rehabilitation. Funds to be used in conjunction with the HOME funds provided through the Westmoreland County HOME Consortium. HOME funds to be used to provide low interest loans and grants to income eligible households.

Recreation Facilities: Improvements to the City's parks and recreational facilities.

Street and Road Improvements: Reconstruction of Reeves Avenue from Marion Avenue to Third Street. This is a multi-year CDBG activity.

Reed Avenue Bridge Improvements: The repair of deteriorated concrete at each expansion dam, replacement of expansion dams at each abutment, and the cleaning and repainting of the steel beams at each abutment, including bearings.

The above project activities may extend beyond one fiscal year and may require funding from other program years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Monessen Department of Community Development, Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA 15062.

All written comments received by September 30, 2009 will be considered by the City of Monessen prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Monessen certifies to DCED that the Hon. Anthony A. Petaccia, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCED's approval of the Certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Monessen to use CDBG funds and CDBG-R Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Monessen's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying Officer of the City of Monessen; (b) the City of Monessen has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Monessen has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCED; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and shall be addressed to PA DCED, Office of Community Development, Center for Community Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anthony A. Petaccia, Mayor
City of Monessen
Municipal Building
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Monessen, PA 15062
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3045/FOR SALE/FAYETTE

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LOST- bird on Sept. 4, gray with red tail, corner of Taylor Run Rd. & Sacred Heart Rd. "Nikko". Call Jeff even if you THINK you have seen him 724-321-4044

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VIRGO
August 23 through September 22

In the year ahead, you're likely to profit from lessons suffered in the past that might have been particularly painful and difficult. The way things are shaping up, you'll be happy you had these experiences.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Do for yourself that which is usually done by others, and you'll be amazed at how much personal gratification you can experience. Self-sufficiency has surprising rewards.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Because you are a good bargain spotter, your ability to determine the value of products or services you choose to use is exceptional. Don't doubt yourself.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Take a little time to study the possibility to achieve success in your latest undertaking. You are particularly good at determining what measures should be applied.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Don't hide your visibility under a bushel with regard to career matters. Let both your supporters and foes know that you are prepared to meet and deal with any challenges thrown at you.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- There's a strong probability that you will learn about something you wish you hadn't. Before the day is over, however, you will be glad you knew.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- Take a little time to explore secondary channels of income; your chart shows that you have an opportunity to gain from something not considered your primary source.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- There's a strong possibility that you could have to make a difficult decision that will affect many others as well as yourself. Listen to everyone so that all have an input.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Even though you are likely to know that things could get tough from the start, you will still be prepared to accomplish a significant, ambitious objective -- and you'll succeed.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- In order to improve your position, it could prove to your advantage to take a calculated risk, especially if you think through the moves carefully. Be bold.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Once you establish a course of action, be tenacious and consistent, especially if you know things could get tough along the way. There is every reason to believe you will be successful.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- Treat your commitments seriously by following through to the letter on all that you have promised. Once others see your word is your bond, they will hold you in high esteem forever after.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Don't discount even the strangest financial opportunities because you could find profit in the least expected places, even some that appear to be insignificant.